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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

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Re: George Barbosa conviction

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that George Matthew Barbosa, age 30, of Modesto, was sentenced on December 15th, 2015 to fifteen years in state prison by Judge Thomas Zeff.

On the evening of May 3, 2014, Barbosa struck and killed pedestrian Becky Reynolds as she was crossing McHenry Avenue near Bowen. Barbosa stopped only briefly, then fled the scene of the accident. As he drove away, Barbosa hit another vehicle. He was apprehended shortly thereafter by Modesto Police officers. A traffic investigation found him to be at fault for both wrecks. Testing showed his blood alcohol content to be .21%, over two times the legal limit of .08%. Barbosa also had a prior drunk driving conviction from 2010.

On October 27, 2015, Barbosa entered a guilty plea to a violation of Felony Gross Negligence Vehicular Manslaughter with Intoxication and admitted an enhancement for fleeing the scene of the crime.

Deputy District Attorney Tony Colacito prosecuted the case for the People. His position is funded by a grant provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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