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## PRESS RELEASE

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Amber Howe, age 36, of Oakdale was sentenced on May 5, 2016, to state prison for two felony driving under the influence convictions.

In the first case, on November 10, 2013, Howe ran a red light at an intersection in Modesto, causing a chain-reaction wreck that injured several people. She was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol by members of the Modesto Police Department. A post-arrest breath test showed her blood alcohol level to be .18/.17%.

In that case, on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Howe pled guilty to felony drunk driving causing injury and admitted having a previous misdemeanor drunk driving conviction from 2011. She was given five years of probation, ordered to serve 270 days in jail and make restitution to the victims she injured.

While on felony probation in the 2013 case, Howe was stopped for speeding by Oakdale police on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Officers noted obvious signs of intoxication and she was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence. The chemical test in that case showed her blood alcohol level to be .21/.21%.

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Howe pled no-contest to the new felony charge, admitted having a prior felony drunk driving conviction and admitted violating her probation for committing a new crime while on probation. Judge Marie Silveira then sentenced Howe to sixteen months in state prison.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Anthony Colacito working under a grant funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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