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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that David James Davis, age 49 of Tarzana, California, was sentenced to five years and eight months in state prison for felony drunk driving causing injury, felony hit and run causing injury, and driving on a suspended license.

On July 4, 2014, Davis was driving on Highway 99 when he rear-ended an SUV occupied by a family of five, knocking it off the road and injuring the occupants. Davis fled the scene but other drivers who saw the crash followed him and reported his vehicle and location to police.

California Highway Patrol officers found Davis and noted that he smelled of alcohol and had all the symptoms consistent with being under the influence. A blood test showed his blood alcohol content was 0.20%, more than twice the legal limit of .08%.

On August 12, 2016, Davis pled no contest to two felony crimes: driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury and hit and run causing injury. He also pled to a misdemeanor charge of driving on a suspended license. Davis also admitted enhancements/special allegations for injuring multiple people, causing great bodily injury to one person, and that he was previously convicted of drunk driving in 2012 and 2013.

Davis's admission to causing great bodily injury makes the crime a "strike" under California's Three Strikes Law that can be used to double his sentence if he is convicted in the future of specified felony crimes.

On November 7, 2016, Judge Ricardo Cordova sentenced Davis to five years and eight months in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Bianca Yip prosecuted the case for the People. Her 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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