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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: June 27, 2017
Re: Darryl Antwan Cook
Prison Sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Darryl Antwan Cook, age 54 of Modesto, California, was sentenced to four years and four months in state prison for driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury.

On February 22, 2017, Cook was driving on Highway 132 when he rear-ended a vehicle traveling in front of him, injuring the vehicle's two occupants. When a California Highway Patrol officer arrived on scene to investigate the collision, the officer noted Cook exhibited symptoms consistent with being under the influence of alcohol. Cook also failed several field sobriety tests. A chemical test showed his blood alcohol content to be 0.11/0.10%, above the legal limit of 0.08%.

On June 5, 2017, Cook pled no contest to the felony charge of driving with a blood alcohol level over 0.08% causing injury. He also admitted inflicting great bodily injury on one of the victims which 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 June 13, 2017, Judge Rick Distaso sentenced Cook to four years and four 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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