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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Gary Ray Martell
Felony DUI conviction & prison sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Gary Ray Martell, 27, of Sacramento, California, was sentenced to two years in state prison for driving under the influence of alcohol.

On February 28, 2016, Martell was involved in a solo vehicle collision in Stanislaus County. He fled the scene but was found shortly thereafter by a Stanislaus County Sheriff's deputy. The deputy noted that Martell smelled of alcohol and contacted the California Highway Patrol. A CHP officer performed a DUI investigation and determined Martell was under the influence of alcohol. A chemical test showed Martell's blood alcohol content to be 0.20%, over twice the legal limit.

Martell was previously convicted in Sacramento County of felony driving under the influence which was used to elevate his current offense to a felony.

On September 13, 2017, Martell pled no contest to felony driving with a blood alcohol level above 0.08% and admitted the prior conviction. Judge Rick Distaso then sentenced Martell to two years in state prison, to run concurrently with his two-year prison sentence from his Sacramento County DUI conviction.

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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