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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Kevin Brian Galan Garcia
Felony DUI prison sentence

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Kevin Brian Galan Garcia, age 24, of Modesto, has been convicted of driving under the influence causing great bodily injury and sentenced to state prison. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On December 23, 2016, at around 3:30 a.m. Garcia was driving his car in the area of W. Hatch Road and Ustick in Modesto when he swerved into oncoming traffic and crashed head-on into a Honda Civic. Garcia ran from the scene, but was located by a police K9 hiding in bushes near a canal bank. Garcia denied being in the collision, even though the vehicle was registered to him and no one else was seen in the area. When that did not work, Garcia then claimed that an anonymous friend drove him there in the friend's van. A blood alcohol test revealed Garcia's blood alcohol level to .18/ .19%, over twice the legal limit. The driver of the other car suffered a fractured left clavicle.

On March 20, 2018, he pled no contest to driving under the influence causing great bodily injury and was sentenced by Judge Linda McFadden to four years and four months in state prison. Due to the injuries suffered by the victim, this conviction will count as a "Strike" under California's Three Strikes law that can potentially be used to increase his sentence should Garcia be convicted of a new felony after his release from prison. Garcia had previously been convicted of driving under the influence in 2013.

The District Attorney's Office reminds Stanislaus County residents to call 911 and report suspected drunk driving to their local law enforcement agency.

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