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Re: People vs. Larry Dean Sauls

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Larry Dean Sauls Sr., age 53 of Modesto, was convicted of the misdemeanor charge of Hit and Run following a jury trial on September 10, 2008. Deputy District Attorney Mabel Lew prosecuted the case.

The case arose out of an event which occurred on June 10, 2007, at 4:30 a.m. Mr. Sauls was driving a tractor-trailer (18-wheeler) and caused it to collide with a Volvo on Mitchell Road. The Volvo pursued Mr. Sauls, calling 911, flashing his high beams and honking his horn. Mr. Sauls continued to drive for approximately 3 miles, stopped at a traffic light, came out of his truck and threatened the Volvo owner. When the Volvo owner told him he was calling the police, Mr. Sauls re-entered his truck and continued driving to his destination for a quarter of a mile.

The Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced him to five days in the County Jail, ordered restitution, fees and fines, and three years of informal probation.