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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Jennifer Cowgill - Vehicular murder

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jennifer Cowgill, 23, of Modesto, was arraigned for the vehicular murder of Irvin Tefertiller. Defendant Cowgill is also charged with gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, a hit and run enhancement, and driving with her license suspended for a prior driving under the influence conviction. The Honorable Marie Sovey Silveira set bail at \$2 million. Deputy District Attorney John R. Mayne is prosecuting the case for the People.

The case arises out of the events in the evening of May 5, 2009. Cowgill is alleged to have been driving under the influence when she struck Tefertiller's motorcycle. Tefertiller died from the injuries he received.

Cowgill's next pretrial hearing is set for May 13, 2009, in Department 3 before the Honorable John G. Whiteside.

Criminal charges are only allegations and defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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