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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Elder Yupe  
Conviction for Gross Vehicular Manslaughter

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**Modesto, California** – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Elder Yupe, 24, of Modesto, was convicted of gross vehicular manslaughter, with three enhancements for additional injured parties, and one count of driving while his license was suspended.

On July 26, 2010, Yupe was driving southbound on Highway 99 in Turlock when he clipped an SUV driven by Yolanda Fuentes. Ms. Fuentes died in the collision and three passengers in her car were injured. Yupe had a .21% blood alcohol level at the time of the collision. Yupe also had a prior conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol.

On June 24, 2010, the Honorable Marie Silveira sentenced Yupe to 13 years, 6 months in state prison.

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