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PRESS RELEASE

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced that on August 20, 2013, Harn Khaleck, age 33, of Modesto, was convicted of driving with a blood alcohol level above .08 causing injury. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Darnell.

On November 5, 2011, around 11:31 pm, Khaleck drove a Honda Accord westbound on Whitmore Avenue. When he came to the intersection of Whitmore Avenue and Carpenter Road, Khaleck made a northbound turn without stopping for the posted stop sign. As Khaleck made his turn, he lost control of his vehicle and slammed into a gray Chevy Silverado driven by the victim. The victim and her 8-year-old daughter suffered moderate injuries. A test of Khaleck's blood revealed a blood alcohol content of .17%.

Khaleck has prior felony convictions for shooting at an inhabited dwelling and attempted murder arising from a single incident in 1997 for which he previously served 13 years in prison.

Following the entry of a no contest plea, Judge Ricardo Cordova sentenced Khaleck to 7 years in state prison.

Mr. Darnell's position is funded through a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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