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Re: People v. Christian Otto Ganter

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Christian Otto Ganter, age 36, of Patterson, was sentenced to six years in prison following a Court finding that he violated his probation. In August 2012, Ganter was convicted of felony driving under the influence of alcohol and personally causing great bodily injury. Ganter was placed on 3 years of probation and sentenced to 365 days in jail. After becoming aware of a new felony law violation in Alameda County, Deputy District Attorney Tony Colacito successfully moved to revoke Ganter's probation.

In the initial case, on May 29, 2010, at approximately 10:22 p.m., Ganter failed to negotiate a turn on Del Puerto Canyon Road in unincorporated Stanislaus County, causing his vehicle to roll multiple times before finally coming to rest on its roof. Ganter admitted to a CHP officer that he was "driving like an idiot." Ganter's blood-alcohol level was determined to be .11 percent. Ganter's passenger, Angelica Torrez, had injuries including vertebrae fractures and multiple rib fractures.

Mr. Colacito's position is funded by a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety.