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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

Date: 7/18/16  
Re: Shannon Dunkirk and Andrew Vazquez

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Shannon Dunkirk, age 21, of Waterford and Andrew Vazquez, age 25, of Modesto were each sentenced on July 14, 2016 to two years in state prison for a conviction of felony vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated in Stanislaus County Superior Court before Judge Rick Distaso.

On January 10, 2015, at about 1:20 a.m., Dunkirk, then age 20, was driving on west on East Grayson Rd in rural Ceres when he ran the stop sign at the intersection with Morgan Rd at a speed of approximately 10-20 MPH. His car was struck by Vazquez, who was driving northbound on Morgan Rd. Vazquez was going 66 MPH at the time of impact and had also run a stop sign at the four-way stop intersection. Marco Ruelaz, a passenger in Vazquez's car, was killed as a result of the wreck.

Both appeared to have been driving under the influence of alcohol and were investigated for that crime by members of the California Highway Patrol. Dunkirk was found to have an alcohol level of .12% and Vazquez was found to have a .13% alcohol level.

The California Highway Patrol's Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (or "MAIT" team) out of Fresno assisted with the investigation.

Dunkirk was also sentenced to prison for an unrelated assault case.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Anthony Colacito working under a grant funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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