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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Daniel Elias Sanchez
Felony driving under the influence,
prison sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Daniel Elias Sanchez, age 22, of Modesto, was sentenced to state prison for felony driving under the influence on two separate occasions.

On October 17, 2015, Sanchez was stopped by a Stanislaus County Sheriff's deputy for a traffic violation. Sanchez smelled of alcohol and admitted that he had been drinking. He failed several field sobriety tests and a chemical test determined his blood alcohol content to be 0.14%. He was charged with a felony crime due to having been previously convicted three times for driving under the influence.

On February 25, 2016, Sanchez pled guilty to felony driving under the influence and admitted his prior convictions. He was placed on probation and ordered to serve one year in jail along with other terms and conditions.

Ten months later, on December 25, 2016, Sanchez crashed into a tree. A California Highway Patrol officer investigating the accident noticed Sanchez smelled of alcohol and that his speech was slurred. Sanchez admitted drinking alcohol before driving but refused to take a chemical test. A search warrant was obtained to have Sanchez's blood analyzed. A chemical test showed his blood alcohol content to be 0.17%.

On March 22, 2017, Sanchez pled guilty in the new felony driving under the influence case and admitted an enhancement for having a blood alcohol level over 0.15%. He also admitted having been previously convicted of felony driving under the influence in his probation case.

On March 24th, 2017, pursuant to a plea agreement, Judge Marie Silveira sentenced Sanchez to two years in state prison on both cases.

Deputy District Attorney Bianca Yip prosecuted the case for the People. Her position is funded by a grant provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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