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Re: Oscar Rangel
Felony convictions & prison sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Oscar Rangel, age 32 of Oakdale, was convicted on August 21, 2018, of driving under the influence, domestic violence, and driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury. Deputy District Attorney Bianca Yip prosecuted the cases for the People.

On the evening of August 17, 2015, Stanislaus County Sheriff's deputies responded to a domestic violence call. They contacted the victim who told them Rangel struck her during an argument. The victim and her daughter fled to a neighbor's house to call police and Rangel fled the scene. The responding deputy observed the victim's left eye was red and swollen shut.

On August 25, 2015, Rangel ran a red light while driving southbound on McHenry Avenue through the Kiernan Avenue intersection and collided with another car. Rangel promptly fled the scene, but was caught by a CHP officer who happened to be close by. The officer noted Rangel displayed symptoms consistent with a person under the influence of alcohol. A blood sample was taken which revealed an alcohol content of 0.23%, almost three times the legal limit of .08%. Rangel subsequently posted bail and was released from custody.

On November 4, 2017, Rangel was driving his vehicle and was stopped by Modesto police for a traffic violation. The officer smelled alcohol coming from inside the car and noticed that Rangel had red and watery eyes. Rangel failed the field sobriety tests and a subsequent chemical test determined his blood alcohol content was 0.18%.

On August 21, 2018, Rangel pled no contest to felony domestic violence and driving under the influence causing injury based on the 2015 collision. He also admitted that he personally inflicted great bodily injury to the other driver because of the collision and that he had previously been convicted of driving under the influence in 2009, 2010 and 2012. Rangel also pled no contest to felony driving under the influence based on the 2017 arrest and admitted an out on bail enhancement for the 2015 driving under the influence case. Rangel also admitted that he had been previously convicted of assault with a deadly weapon.

Sentencing is set for September 4, 2018 before Judge Linda McFadden. Rangel will be sentenced to a total of fourteen years and four months in state prison.

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