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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Gilbert Marquez
Felony Conviction and prison sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Gilbert Frank Marquez, age 59, of Sacramento was convicted on August 31, 2018, of felony driving under the influence and sentenced to state prison. Deputy District Attorney John R. Mayne prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On December 3, 2017, Marquez was driving on Highway 99 not wearing a seatbelt. A California Highway Patrol motorcycle officer pulled alongside Marquez and motioned for him to put his seatbelt on. Instead of complying, Marquez took his hands off the wheel and mimicked being a motorcycle rider, causing his car to drift into the officer's lane. During an enforcement stop the officer noted obvious signs of alcohol intoxication. A chemical test showed Marquez's blood alcohol level to be .23%, almost three times the legal limit of .08%.

Marquez's criminal history included several misdemeanor and felony driving under the influence convictions. He has also served three separate state prison terms for felony drunk driving in 2013 and 2009 and auto theft in 2004.

On August 31, 2018 Marquez pled no contest to felony driving under the influence and admitted his three prior prison commitments before Judge Thomas Zeff. Upon entry of the plea, Zeff immediately sentenced Marquez to five years in state prison.

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