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Re: Raul Antonio Campos
Felony manslaughter conviction

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Raul Antonio Campos, age 26 of San Jose, was convicted on October 17, 2018 of Vehicular Manslaughter with Gross Negligence and Driving Under the Influence Causing Injury. Deputy District Attorney Bianca Yip prosecuted the case for the People.

In the early morning hours of August 7, 2016, Campos was driving on S. Carpenter Road with a passenger when he failed to stop at the stop sign at West Main Street and hit a Toyota being driven by Rafael Ruedas Del Rio. Del Rio died at the scene. Campos's passenger was also injured and transported to a local hospital.

Campos showed obvious signs of being under the influence of alcohol and admitted drinking before driving. A chemical test showed his blood alcohol content to be 0.09%, which is over the legal limit of .08%. Evidence showed that Campos was driving well over 100 miles per hour just prior to the crash.

On October 17, 2018, Campos pled no contest to the felony charge of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence and admitted personally inflicting great bodily injury on Del Rio. In addition, Campos pled no contest to driving under the influence causing great bodily injury to his passenger. Finally, Campos admitted that he had previously been convicted of robbery in 2011, a "strike" offense under California's "Three Strikes" law.

On November 27, 2018, Campos will be sentenced to twenty-two years and four months in state prison. Pursuant to a plea agreement, he did not begin accruing custody credits towards his prison term until his October 17th conviction date. Campos must serve 85% of his sentence in prison custody. Both felony convictions count as "strikes" under California's "Three Strikes" law and may be used to increase his sentence for any future felony convictions Campos may receive after being released from prison.

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