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Re: Devin Matthew Long
Manslaughter convictions and prison sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Devin Matthew Long, age 26, of Jamestown, California was convicted of voluntary manslaughter, vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and vehicle theft on April 13, 2021. Deputy District Attorney Merrill Hoult prosecuted the case for the People.

On December 17, 2019, Long took a black Toyota Avalon from a residence in Jamestown, California without the owner's knowledge or permission. The very next day at approximately 1:30 a.m., Ceres Police saw Long driving the stolen vehicle in Ceres with victim Kendra Sanguinetti in the front passenger seat.

When Police attempted a traffic stop, Long drove away at high speed, running several red lights and exceeding 100 miles per hour. He lost control of the car at the intersection of Oakdale and Scenic Drive in Modesto, crashing into a tree. The force of the impact split the Toyota in half and ejected Sanguinetti from the vehicle. She died at the scene. Long then ran away and hid for several hours until he was found behind a nearby fast-food restaurant and arrested. At the time of the pursuit and crash, Long was under the influence of methamphetamine and alcohol.

On April 13, 2021, Long pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter, vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, and vehicle theft. He also admitted an enhancement for fleeing the scene of the crime. Judge Zeff then sentenced Long to serve 15 years and eight months in state prison.

During the hearing, Deputy District Attorney Hoult read several victim impact statements on behalf of Ms. Sanguinetti's family including one from her uncle, who told the court that "seeing her [Ms. Sanguinetti's] smiling face will never happen again and that to me is a tragedy that could have so easily been avoided. It never had to happen. She and our family have had that stolen from us, and justice most certainly needs to take that into account."

Both voluntary manslaughter and vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated are considered "strike" offenses under California's Three Strikes Law that may be used to increase any future punishment for any felony convictions Long may receive after he is released from State Prison.

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