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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

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Re: Felix Ferdin
Jury Trial Murder Conviction

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Felix Ferdin, age 49, of Modesto was convicted of four counts of second-degree murder and four counts of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated for the killing of Mari Luz Jacinto Hernandez and her children, Yoseline Vega, Eileen Lopez Jacinto and Alexa Sanchez. Deputy District Attorney Larissa A. Jones prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On June 9, 2019, Ferdin attended a barbeque at his house where he consumed approximately seven beers. During the barbeque, he became angry and told attendees: "I don't care. I'm gonna die. I don't care about nobody." Ferdin got into his vehicle and drove away while he had a blood alcohol content of close to twice the legal limit as well as metabolites for methamphetamine and cocaine in his blood.

As Ferdin drove away, he hit a parked vehicle and came close to hitting another. Ferdin did not remain at the scene and instead sped down Holm Avenue in unincorporated Stanislaus County. He almost immediately arrived at a stop sign at Musick Avenue and Holm Avenue and drove through it without stopping. Ferdin continued speeding down Holm Avenue toward the intersection of Holm Avenue and Herndon Road. He reached a speed of 78 miles per hour in the posted 25 miles per hour residential zone.

Ferdin failed to stop at a second stop sign, on the corner of Holm Avenue and Herndon Rd., and crashed his vehicle into the home of Mari Luz Jacinto Hernandez. When he crashed into the home, Ferdin was driving approximately 35 mph. Ferdin drove his vehicle through the wall and into the bedroom where Mari Luz and her three daughters slept. At the time, Yoseline was 10 years old, Eileen was 5 years old and Alexa was just 3 years old.

After the collision, Ferdin tried to back his vehicle out of the damaged structure. When that did not work, he attempted to leave on foot. Ferdin was prevented from leaving the scene.

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Multiple officers, firefighters and medical personnel from the Ceres Police Department, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department, Ceres Fire Department, Modesto Fire Department and the California Highway Patrol responded to the scene to assist in rescue efforts and pull the victims from the rubble and debris in the bedroom. Mari Luz, Eileen and Alexa were unable to be resuscitated and died that day. Yoseline was transported by air ambulance to UC Davis Medical Center where she survived for approximately one week before succumbing to her severe injuries.

Following a seven-day trial, a jury found Ferdin guilty of four counts of second-degree murder as well as four counts of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated.

Sentencing has not yet been scheduled, but is likely to take place next month. Ferdin is facing a maximum sentence of 120 years to life in state prison.

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