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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Roseanne Hernandez
Convicted of Vehicular Manslaughter

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Roseanne Hernandez, age 55, of Modesto, was convicted on December 4, 2009 after a three-day jury trial of Vehicular Manslaughter. Deputy District Attorney Samuel E. Getrich prosecuted the case for the People.

On October 10, 2007, Hernandez was driving westbound on Hwy 120 near Knights Ferry, when she crossed a solid double yellow line into the eastbound lane of traffic, on a hill, with a marked curve at the top. She was attempting to pass a 65-foot tractor trailer in front of her vehicle. Hernandez collided head on with a vehicle in the eastbound lane being driven by 20 year old Sarah Hicks. Ms. Hicks died less than 12 hours later from massive head trauma sustained in the collision.

The Honorable Marie Silveira who presided over the trial scheduled a sentencing hearing for January 5th, 2010. Hernandez is facing a maximum of six years in state prison.

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