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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Justin Robert Foster Stark
Six Years for Vehicular Manslaughter

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Justin Robert Foster Stark, age 29, of Modesto, was convicted of vehicular manslaughter while driving under the influence of alcohol, a “strike” under California’s “Three Strikes” law. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On July 18, 2009 at around 11:35 p.m. in the area of Riverside Drive and State Route 132 in Modesto, Stark was driving his 1995 Jeep Cherokee with his friend, David Gabriel Alvara in the front passenger seat. They had been celebrating Stark’s 29th birthday. Although Stark was driving under the speed limit, Stark collided with a legally parked, unoccupied semi-trailer on the shoulder of the road. The impact caused fatal injuries to his only passenger. Shortly thereafter, a witness drove upon the scene and observed Stark holding the victim in his arms and pleading with the witness to call 911. After CHP officers arrived, they brought Stark to the hospital where a blood draw was performed. Stark had a blood alcohol content of .13%; his passenger’s blood alcohol content was .18%.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable John Whiteside sentenced Stark to six years in prison. Stark had been convicted of driving under the influence two years earlier.

Stanislaus County residents can report suspected drunk driving to their local law enforcement agency or call 911.

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