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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jesus Betanzos Marin, age 41, of Oakdale, was sentenced to sixteen months in state prison for two counts of felony drunk driving and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On August 12, 2016, a Stanislaus County Sheriff's Deputy found Marin asleep behind the wheel of his car on the side of the road. Marin smelled of alcohol and exhibited symptoms consistent with a person under the influence of alcohol. An officer with the California Highway Patrol took over the investigation and determined that Marin drove while under the influence of alcohol. A chemical test of Marin's blood showed an alcohol level of 0.18%, over twice the legal limit. Marin was charged with felony drunk driving based upon his prior felony conviction for drunk driving causing injury from 2007.

While out on bail, on August 29, 2015, an Oakdale Police Department Officer saw Marin driving all over the roadway. Upon contact with Marin, the Officer could smell alcohol on Marin's breath and about his person. Marin also exhibited symptoms consistent with being under the influence of alcohol. A breath test returned results of 0.19, and 0.18% respectively, over twice the legal limit of .08%. The officer also found a firearm in Marin's vehicle - a violation of California law based upon Marin's previous felony conviction which prohibits him from owning or possessing any firearms.

On August 22, 2016, Marin pled no contest to two felony charges of driving with his blood alcohol over 0.08%. He also admitted he suffered a prior felony conviction for driving under the influence causing injury in 2007. In addition, he admitted to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Pursuant to a plea agreement, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced Marin to sixteen months in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Bianca Yip prosecuted the case for the People. Her position is funded by a grant provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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