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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jose Vazquez Navarro, age 34, of Turlock, California, was sentenced to sixteen months in state prison for two felony convictions of driving with a blood alcohol level of 0.08% or above.

On February 5, 2016, a Turlock Police officer stopped Navarro for weaving into oncoming traffic. Upon contact, the officer noted Navarro smelled strongly of alcohol and exhibited symptoms consistent with a person under the influence. Navarro admitted consuming alcohol and performed field sobriety tests consistent with a person who was under the influence of alcohol. A subsequent blood test determined Navarro's blood alcohol content was 0.18%.

Four months later, on June 13, 2016, Navarro was driving when he was stopped by an officer with the California Highway Patrol for an equipment violation. Upon contact, the officer noticed the smell of alcohol coming from Navarro's person. Navarro admitted he consumed alcohol and performed field sobriety tests consistent with a person who was under the influence of alcohol. A subsequent blood test recorded a result of 0.16%.

On September 7, 2016, Navarro pled no contest to a felony charge of driving with his blood alcohol over 0.08% stemming from the incident in February 2016. He admitted he suffered three prior felony convictions for driving under the influence in May 2015, February 2015, and May 2011. Navarro also pled no contest to a felony charge of driving with his blood alcohol over 0.08% stemming from the June 2016 incident. He admitted he suffered a prior felony DUI conviction from the February 5, 2016 incident.

Pursuant to a plea agreement, the Honorable Ruben Villalobos sentenced Navarro 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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