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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Farrah Michelle Dunn
Probation revocation and prison sentence.

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Farrah Michelle Dunn, age 39 of Modesto, has been sentenced to two years in state prison for felony driving under the influence.

On May 4, 2014, Dunn was stopped by Oakdale Police for driving very slowly and impeding traffic. Dunn admitted consuming alcohol and displayed symptoms consistent with a person under the influence of alcohol. A chemical test showed her blood alcohol content to be extremely high at 0.36%, over four times the legal limit.

Less than two weeks later on May 23, 2014, Dunn was again seen driving erratically by Oakdale Police, this time her vehicle was fishtailing all over the road with a flat tire. There were gouge marks in the pavement that led all the way from her home to the scene of the traffic stop. Dunn once again exhibited obvious signs of being drunk. A chemical test of her blood showed an alcohol content of 0.36%.

On September 22, 2015, Dunn pled no contest to two counts of felony driving under the influence stemming from her arrests on May 4 and May 23. She also admitted having been convicted of misdemeanor driving under the influence on three prior occasions: November 2003, June 2004, and December 2004.

Despite these being Dunn's fifth and sixth driving under the influence convictions, she requested Judge Linda McFadden grant her probation rather than sentencing her to state prison. Over the People's objection, Judge McFadden suspended a state prison sentence and placed Dunn on probation which included abstaining from all alcohol use, not commit any new law violations and spend one year in the county jail.

Less than one year later, on August 18, 2016, Modesto Police officers found Dunn extremely drunk and in possession of a vodka bottle. Dunn could not walk or stand without assistance. Also, between her September 2015 conviction and August 18 arrest, Dunn had failed to report to probation on multiple occasions as ordered by the Judge.

On December 12, 2016, Dunn admitted she violated her probation by failing to report to probation, failing to abstain from alcohol, and committing a new law violation when she was arrested for public intoxication in August.

On March 17, 2017, Judge McFadden revoked and terminated Dunn's probation in her felony cases and sentenced her to serve two years and eight 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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