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Date: August 16, 2013 Re: People v. Alexander Swanton Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney Phone: (209) 525-5550

**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced that Alexander Lloyd Swanton, age 23, of Turlock, was convicted on April 16, 2013 of gross negligence vehicular manslaughter and admitted enhancements for the death of two victims. On July 25, 2013, Swanton was sentenced to 365 days in county jail and five years of probation with a ten year suspended prison term. Deputy District Attorney Tony Colacito prosecuted the case for the People.

On June 28, 2011 at approximately 1:16 a.m., Swanton was driving a 2007 Cadillac CTS on South Walnut Road in Turlock with his three friends, Dominic Coelho, Jr, 23, Duarte Nunes, 39 and Zachary Baker, 23. Swanton was driving the vehicle at approximately 119 MPH and at 100% throttle moments before the vehicle overturned multiple times, killing all three passengers who were ejected from the vehicle. Drugs and alcohol were determined not to have played a part in the wreck.

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