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Re: Kenneth Hughes conviction Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Kenneth Hughes, age 34, of Oakdale, was convicted on October 15th, 2015 of felony drunk driving causing serious bodily injury. Hughes entered a plea to the charges before Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge Nancy Ashley.

On Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at about 7:32 a.m., Hughes made an illegal left turn into another car as he was driving eastbound on Milnes Road at Langworth Road in Stanislaus County. The impact left the other driver hospitalized with serious injuries.

When questioned by the Highway Patrol, Mr. Hughes agreed that he was "hammered." A blood test showed Mr. Hughes' alcohol level to be .19%, over twice the legal limit.

Immediately upon his conviction Judge Ashley sentenced Hughes to 4 years and 4 months imprisonment and ordered him to pay restitution to the victim.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy District Anthony Colacito working under a grant funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.