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Modesto, **California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Alberto Villasenor, age 46, of Ceres was sentenced on April 21, 2016, to five years in state prison on two separate cases involving felony driving under the influence of alcohol

On December 6, 2015 Villasenor backed his car into another vehicle at the Crows Landing flea market causing minor damage to both vehicles. He then fled the scene. Within an hour, California Highway Patrol officers located Villasenor at his house in Ceres. He showed obvious signs of intoxication and was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and hit and run. A chemical test showed Villasenor's blood alcohol level to be .16/.15%, twice the legal limit of .08. Villasenor's driver's license had already suspended at the time he was involved in this incident.

On February 14, 2016, at about 7:35 p.m., Villasenor drove the same car into a cement trash can at a Ceres AM/PM. Responding Ceres Police officers observed obvious signs of alcohol intoxication and arrested Villasenor for drunk driving. A chemical test revealed his blood alcohol level to be .20/.20%.

Villasenor had been to state prison in 2005 and again in 2012 for felony drunk driving, which elevated these two new cases from misdemeanor to felony charges.

On April 21st, 2016, Villasenor pled to felony charges in each case. Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge Thomas Zeff then sentenced Villasenor to a total of five years in state prison.

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

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