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## PRESS RELEASE

### For Immediate Release

Date: May 11, 2017  
Re: Demaria Harge  
Murder Convictions from DUI crash

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Demaria Harge, age 26 of Suisun City, was found guilty at jury trial on May 10, 2017, of two counts of second-degree murder for the killing of Taylor Little and her unborn child. Harge was also convicted of one count of gross negligence vehicular manslaughter with intoxication, one count of evading a peace officer causing death and one count of driving under the influence causing injury, all felonies.

On April 24, 2014, Harge was driving a Lexus northbound on Interstate 5 with his pregnant girlfriend Taylor Little and Cally Gregory as passengers.

Ms. Little contacted her mother to tell her that Harge was drunk and abusing her physically. Ms. Little described their general location on I-5 and her mother contacted authorities who alerted CHP Modesto to the general location of the Lexus.

Officer Peregoy of the California Highway Patrol saw the brown two-door Lexus in the #2 lane of I-5 northbound going over 100 MPH. He activated his radar and obtained a reading of 110 MPH. Officer Peregoy gave chase to the Lexus.

Harge weaved in and out of traffic lanes while passing vehicles, driving aggressively as Officer Peregoy pursued and attempted to get him to yield. Harge's top speed reached 130 MPH. Harge cut from the left lane, passing across traffic, to take the Ingram Creek/Howard Road exit at the last possible moment. As he was taking the exit, he began to lose control of his vehicle. There was a white truck stopped at the "STOP" sign at the end of the off-ramp. Harge sideswiped the truck, causing his own car to rotate through the intersection and continue up the I-5 on-ramp where it overturned on the right shoulder, coming to rest on its roof. A bottle of Patron tequila was found sitting on the headliner of the car directly below the driver's seat.

Ms. Little, approximately six months pregnant, was trapped in the car and died of head injuries.

Harge was investigated for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. A blood draw established that his blood alcohol level was .067%, but it wasn't taken until two hours after the crash. The result also tested positive for active cannabis metabolites.

Harge had numerous prior incidents involving speeding, reckless driving and driving under the influence. He had failed to appear in Solano County Superior court on various charges two and a half weeks prior to this crime.

Deputy District Attorney Anthony Colacito prosecuted the case for the People. Sentencing is scheduled for June 7, 2017 before Judge Rick Distaso in Department 4 at 8:30 a.m. The victims' family will have the opportunity to give victim impact statements to describe how they have been impacted by the tragic and senseless loss of their loved ones.

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