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TEXAS MAN FOUND GUILTY OF VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER AND FLEEING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Anthony Bouchereau, age 23, a resident of Texas, was found guilty by jury of felony vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence and felony hit and run causing death. The case was heard by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu.

On July 5, 2015, Bouchereau was driving with passenger Yesenia Romero on North Madeira Avenue in Salinas. Bouchereau was driving approximately 50 mph in a 25 mph zone when he ran a red light and struck a van that was making a left turn through the intersection. The van was sent spinning and the right front door of Bouchereau's vehicle was ripped off. Passenger Yesenia Romero was ejected from the vehicle and fatally injured.

Bouchereau got out of his vehicle, approached Romero's body, looked at her injuries, and immediately fled the scene with Romero's phone. Two days after the crash, Romero's family tried texting her phone in order to get her photos back. Bouchereau responded to the texts and tried to negotiate money from the victim's family in exchange for Romero's phone. Romero's family successfully set up a meeting with Bouchereau, and upon meeting him, held him down until the police arrived to arrest him.

Bouchereau is scheduled to be sentenced on April 7, 2017. He faces a maximum of 12 years in state prison. The case was investigated by Detective Rudolfo Roman of the Salinas Police Department and Investigator Erik Morris from the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.