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TEXAS MAN SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS FOR VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER AND FLEEING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on April 7, 2017, Anthony Bouchereau, age 23, was sentenced to 12 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu. Bouchereau was found guilty by a jury on March 9, 2017, of felony vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence and felony hit and run causing death.

On July 5, 2015, Bouchereau drove with passenger Yesenia Romero on North Madeira Avenue in Salinas. Bouchereau ran a red light and struck a van that was making a left turn through the intersection while travelling 50 mph in a 25 mph zone. The right front door of Bouchereau's vehicle was ripped off in the collision and passenger Yesenia Romero was ejected from the vehicle and suffered fatal injuries.

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.

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.