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## **CARMEL MAN SENTENCED IN WINE TROLLEY CRASH**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Judge Carrie Panetta sentenced Jeffrey Allen Moser, age 37 of Carmel, to 5 years of felony probation. The defendant was facing a possibility of 6 years in California Department of Correction and Rehabilitation. He had previously pled guilty to one count of driving under the influence causing injury with an enhancement for causing great bodily injury. The charges stemmed from a November 6, 2016 collision that seriously injured one victim. The video footage of the collision had been uploaded to YouTube and was viewed over 20,000 times.

On November 6, 2016 at approximately 12:35 p.m., officers responded to the scene of a collision located in the area of Carmel Valley Road where a tractor-trailer carrying 8 passengers including a 4-year-old child was struck from behind by the defendant. The victim was thrown from the trailer and sustained numerous injuries including a broken rib. In the video, you can see the defendant honking his horn, waving his hands and flipping off the trailer right before he crashed into it. The defendant claimed he was attempting to “mess around” with his friend Pete, the driver of the trailer, when he mistook the accelerator for the brake. The California Highway Patrol conducted a DUI investigation and concluded the defendant was under the influence at the time of the collision, with a blood alcohol level of .21, almost three times the legal limit. He admitted to consuming one vodka cranberry cocktail but stated he felt fine to drive.

California Highway Patrol-Monterey Officers Thomas Chudziak, Richard Gamble and Monterey County District Attorney Investigator Terri Edwards conducted the investigation in this matter.

This case was presented by members of the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office specialized DUI Vertical Prosecution Unit. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.