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GONZALES MAN PLEADS GUILTY FOR DUI COLLISION THAT KILLED 56 YEAR OLD MAN

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo announced today that Charles Bailey II, age 38 and a resident of Gonzales, pled guilty to the collision that killed Guadalupe Solis. Bailey pled guilty to one count of Vehicular Manslaughter while Intoxicated. The Defendant also admitted he suffered a prior strike from 2010 for a conviction of 288(A), lewd acts involving a child and that he served a prior prison term. The Defendant will have to serve 80 percent of his sentence before being eligible for parole.

On April 17, 2018 at approximately 10 p.m. the Victim, Mr. Solis, was driving with his niece Elia Solis, on Gloria Road when the Defendant driving at a high rate of speed hit their vehicle from behind. CHP officers conducted a DUI investigation. The Defendant was found under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol level of .10. Mr. Solis passed away at the scene. Miss Solis suffered multiple injuries including a back injury and broken pelvis.

California Highway Patrol Officer Zook, Officer Rocha, Officer Murillo, The California Highway Patrol MAIT team and Monterey County District Attorney Investigators Terri Edwards conducted the investigation and arrest in this incident.

The Defendant will be sentenced to 13 years in California Department of Corrections by Judge A. Liu on November 28 at 8:45 a.m. in Department 2.

This case was presented by members of the 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.