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**GONZALES MAN SENTENCED
TO PRISON FOR COLLISION THAT KILLED
56 YEAR OLD MAN**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Charles Bailey II, age 38 and a resident of Gonzales, was sentenced for the collision that killed Guadalupe Solis. Bailey was sentenced to 13 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for his previous plea to one count of vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated. Bailey also admitted he suffered a prior strike from 2010 for a conviction of lewd acts involving a child and that he served a prior prison term. He will have to serve 80 percent of his sentence before being eligible for parole.

On April 17, 2018 at approximately 10:00 p.m., Solis was driving with his niece Elia Solis, on Gloria Road when Bailey, who was driving at a high rate of speed, hit their vehicle from behind. CHP officers conducted a DUI investigation and determined that Bailey was 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.

The Solis family addressed the Court about their loss. They stated that this death was completely preventable and hopefully someone hearing of their loss will think twice before getting behind the wheel of a car after drinking alcohol.

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

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.