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CARMEL TEEN PLEADS GUILTY TO VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER WHILE INTOXICATED

People v. McNally; Case No. 18CR007075

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that Margot McNally, age 18 and a resident of Carmel, pled guilty to killing Anabelle Vandembroucke. McNally pled guilty to one count of vehicular manslaughter while under the influence and one count of driving under the influence causing injury to Sarah Coleman.

On July 12, 2018, McNally and Miss Vandembroucke were heading home on Carmel Valley Road after an afternoon of drinking at "the Bucket" in Carmel Valley. While driving, McNally crossed over the double yellow line and collided head on into Sarah Coleman's vehicle. Miss Vandembroucke succumbed to her injuries six days after the collision. Miss Coleman sustained numerous serious injuries as a result of the head on collision.

While California Highway Patrol Officers were investigating the collision, they noticed that McNally showed objective signs of intoxication. She agreed to a blood test which established she had a .11 blood alcohol level three hours after the collision. McNally's blood alcohol level would have been as high as a .17 at the time of the collision, two times the legal limit.

On May 28, 2019, Judge C. Panetta will sentence McNally to four years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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