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CARMEL TEEN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR 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, was sentenced by Judge C. Panetta to four years in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for the collision that killed Annabelle Vandenbroucke, age 16, and severely injured another victim. McNally previously 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, the defendant and Miss Vandenbroucke were heading home on Carmel Valley Road after an afternoon of drinking at "the Bucket" in Carmel Valley. While driving, the defendant crossed over the double yellow line and collided head on into Sarah Coleman's vehicle. Miss Vandenbroucke succumbed to her injuries six days after the collision. Sarah Coleman sustained numerous serious injuries as a result of the head on collision.

While California Highway Patrol Officers were investigating the collision, they noticed the defendant 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. Her blood alcohol level would have been as high as a .17 at the time of the collision, two times the legal limit.

California Highway Patrol Officers Murrillo, Alameda, Loza and Gonzales 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.