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GREENFIELD MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE CAUSING INJURY

People v. Jose Reyes; SS151662A

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that Jose Reyes, age 24, was sentenced to 4 years 4 months in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level (BAC) of .08 or higher and causing great bodily injury.

On October 10, 2015, King City police officers responded to North Vanderhust Avenue for a traffic collision. When officers arrived on scene, they learned that the defendant's car had struck a five-year-old who was playing on the sidewalk. The victim suffered numerous injuries including a broken leg and numerous lacerations. While talking to the defendant officers saw signs of intoxication and conducted a DUI investigation. The defendant was found to have a .13 BAC at the time of collision.

The defendant was originally granted an opportunity of felony probation. After finding that the defendant had violated probation for consuming alcohol, not reporting to probation and failing to participate in a treatment program, Judge Vazquez found the defendant was no longer suitable for probation and sentenced him to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

King City Police Officers Orozco and Lux were instrumental in conducting the investigation that resulted in the arrest and conviction in this case. This case was presented by 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.