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**West Sacramento Woman Agrees to Serve 9 years Prison
for Vehicular Manslaughter**

(Woodland, CA) Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced today that on Thursday August 20, 2009, 35 year old Jennifer Moran pled guilty to vehicular manslaughter and hit-and-run charges. She has agreed to serve nine years in state prison.

On Halloween night last year, Moran and a friend drank alcohol at three separate restaurants in the Natomas area. After dropping her friend off in Sacramento, she drove her pick-up truck toward her home in West Sacramento. At 9:40 pm, less than a mile from her house, she drove off of the roadway hitting two teenage girls. After the collision, Moran fled the scene and abandoned her truck. 17-year-old Jessica Fraire died a few days after the collision and 19-year-old Rosa Zaragoza was seriously injured. Moran turned herself in to the West Sacramento Police Department the following day. After speaking with Moran and her friend, officers interviewed waitresses at the restaurants to determine how much alcohol Moran drank that night. At one of the restaurants, she drank three 22 ounce Samuel Adams beers. Using this evidence, a California Department of Justice expert estimated Moran's blood alcohol content to be between .10 and .19, well over the legal limit of .08.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig praised the prosecution team effort, "West Sacramento police officers did a very professional job of piecing together the evidence and the CHP assisted in analyzing the mechanics of the collision."

Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Raven, who prosecuted the case, said "The strength and perseverance of these families is amazing...they have suffered so much. Both the families and I were fortunate to have the compassionate support of Victim Advocate Estela Morales. She talked to the family about the legal process and she comforted them every step of the way."

Moran will be sentenced on September 25, 2009 at 1:30 pm. At that time, Jessica's mother will make a statement to the court and the defendant. Jessica was to graduate from River City High School in West Sacramento last spring. During graduation ceremonies the high school presented her diploma to her mother. For more information, contact Jonathan Raven at (530) 666-8092.

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