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Bay Area Man Convicted of Murder for Driving Under the Influence

(Woodland, CA) – November 20, 2009 - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that today a Yolo County jury convicted 42 year old Bay Area man Kevin King of second degree murder, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, hit and run, and felony driving under the influence, as well as other charges, for causing the death of Ist Deo Sharma, age 59, in West Sacramento on May 13, 2006.

King was driving over the speed limit on West Capitol Avenue at 1:45 a.m. when he struck Mr. Sharma who was in a marked crosswalk. Witnesses said King was driving at least 45 MPH when he hit the victim. Sharma died instantly of massive injuries. A West Sacramento Fireman, Mark Cullison, who was nearby administering first aid in an unrelated incident, tried to get King to stop. King sped off and was arrested after ditching his van near the Port of Sacramento. Garrett Hamilton, who prosecuted the case, told the jury King was currently on probation out of Sacramento County for his third DUI in 10 years. As a result of that previous case, a Sacramento judge had revoked his driver's license for three years and ordered him to complete an 18 month program for alcohol and drugs.

At the time of his arrest, King's blood contained significant amounts of cocaine, marijuana, and a smaller amount of alcohol.

District Attorney Reisig stated, "What this man did is no different than firing a gun into a house full of people. He is a danger to society. Thanks to the hard work of Mr. Hamilton and the West Sacramento Police Department, he'll be in a place where he can't get behind the wheel of a car for a long time."

King faces a sentence of approximately 20 years to life in prison. He is set to be sentenced by the Honorable Judge Timothy L. Fall on December 18th, 2009.

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