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Bay Area Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Vehicular Murder

(Woodland, CA) – December 18, 2009 - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced today that Bay Area resident Kevin King, age 42, was sentenced to state prison for 19 years to life for the murder of Ist Sharma by Judge Timothy L. Fall. A Yolo County jury convicted King in November, 2009 of second degree murder, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, felony driving under the influence, and hit and run. It was King's fourth conviction for driving under the influence since 1997.

King was driving a van approximately 50 MPH on West Capitol Ave in West Sacramento in the early morning hours, high on cocaine and marijuana, when he hit the victim who was walking in a crosswalk. West Sacramento firefighter Mark Cullison, administering first aid nearby in an unrelated incident, heard the collision and tried to get King to stop. King accelerated fleeing the scene. Port Authority Police Officer Danny Maynard overheard the emergency broadcast and minutes later saw King abandon the van off Industrial Boulevard and take off running. Officer Maynard alerted West Sacramento Police officers.

“If it were not for the heads up work by Port Officer Danny Maynard who took it upon himself to look out for the van after hearing the broadcast, Kevin King probably would have gotten away with murder,” said Garrett Hamilton, who prosecuted the case. “King is a proven extreme threat to public safety and received an appropriate sentence.”

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