

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEFF W. REISIG, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

301 SECOND STREET - WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA 95695 - 530.666.8180 - FAX 530.666.8185

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: August 9, 2011 **Contact:** Jonathan Raven, Chief Deputy District Attorney

Jonathan.raven@yolocounty.org

Dixon Woman Convicted of Hit and Run

A Yolo County Jury has returned a verdict of Guilty for Hit and Run Causing Serious Permanent Injury.

(Woodland, CA) – August 9, 2011- Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on August 8, 2011, a jury convicted 27-year-old Noelle Warren of Hit and Run Causing Serious Permanent Injury. The same jury could not reach a verdict on her father, 52 year old Lorin Warren, the co-defendant for being an Accessory to a felony for his alleged role in attempting to conceal the crime.

On August 27, 2007, Noelle Warren was driving her Chevy Tahoe SUV when she ran into Jonathan Pinkerton and Kyle Daubert, who were riding their motorcycles. According to the two victims and a third uninjured motorcyclist, the motorcycles were going between 40 and 60 mph on Russell Blvd., west of Davis towards Winters when they were violently struck from behind.

Jonathan Pinkerton suffered serious injuries, including the loss of his spleen. He was found 434 feet from the point of impact after the crash, while his motorcycle was dragged nearly a mile beneath Ms Warren's SUV. When Mr. Pinkerton finally did come to rest in the ditch, Mr. Daubert's motorcycle came to rest on top of Mr. Pinkerton, making it more difficult to find him.

The jury heard evidence of the crash and the investigation by the California Highway Patrol. Witnesses testified that a back-yard mechanic was hired to repair the SUV. There was evidence that Ms Warren was the one who usually drove the Tahoe.

Deputy District Attorney Clint Parish prosecuted the case. He stated "I am honored that I have been able to help justice arrive for Jonathan Pinkerton, even though it is almost four years after the crime." Reflecting on the nearly four year investigation and numerous trial continuances, Mr. Parish praised the victim "Jonathan and his family have been vigilant, yet patient to reach this goal, I am proud to have worked with them and every other person involved in reaching this verdict and attaining justice."

Yolo County Superior Court Judge Timothy Fall presided over the trial. Prior to the next court date on August 16, 2011 the prosecution will announce whether it intends to retry Mr. Warren. Ms Warren faces a sentence range from probation up to four years in state prison.