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Davis man sentenced to eight years prison for DUI

(Woodland, CA) – September 5, 2012 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on Friday August 30, 2012, the Honorable Judge Paul Richardson sentenced 29-year-old Davis resident Rogelio Cardenas Sanchez to eight years in state prison for causing great bodily injury while driving under the influence of alcohol. He pled no contest to the charge on June 30.

On May 19, 2012, a Winters' resident was driving with his teenage daughter after visiting his wife in the hospital. They were on their way to a graduation party for one of his daughter's friends when they were struck by Sanchez.

Sanchez failed to yield for a stop sign and crashed into the passenger side of the victim's car where his daughter was seated. His daughter was air lifted from the scene. She suffered major trauma, needed to be airlifted from the scene, and later went into a coma.

During the sentencing hearing, the victim spoke emotionally about having both his wife and daughter in the hospital in the ICU. His daughter is still in a coma and is on a feeding tube.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated "this is one more example of what can happen when someone drinks and gets behind the wheel of a car." Reisig continued, "As a driver, you make a choice. And, when you drink and drive you put lives at risk. Sanchez made that choice and now is being held accountable." "Sadly, the family hit by Sanchez never had a choice," concluded Reisig.

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