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Woodland Man Sentenced to 6 Years in Prison for Manslaughter, Hit-and-Run

(Woodland, CA) – November 13, 2013 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced today that Ivan Martinez, 19, of Woodland was sentenced to six years in state prison for the manslaughter and hit-and-run death of Douglas Gatie in the early morning hours of August 5, 2013.

Just before 1:30 a.m., On August 5, 2013, Douglas Gatie was walking on the sidewalk in front of 304 Main Street when Martinez, who was driving at a high rate of speed, jumped the sidewalk and struck Mr. Gatie. At the time, Martinez was traveling 75 mph in a 25 mph zone. After striking Mr. Gatie, Martinez did not stop or even slow down, and continued to hit objects on the sidewalk before returning to the roadway. Witnesses said that Martinez ran multiple red lights as he continued to travel down Main Street before they lost sight of him. About an hour later, police officers were able to identify Martinez and locate him parked in the vicinity of First Street and Laurel Street. Officers found Martinez passed out in his vehicle which had sustained heavy damage from striking Mr. Gatie. A subsequent blood sample from Martinez contained 0.18% alcohol.

Deputy District Attorney Matt De Moura, who prosecuted the case, noted that this prosecution would not have occurred without the excellent investigative work of the Woodland Police Department during the early morning hours of August 5, 2013, and the work of the Yolo County District Attorney's Office Victim Services Division." District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated "when you drive under the influence, everyone becomes a potential victim. Unfortunately, Mr. Gatie was a victim here and no sentence will ever be able replace a life lost. What we can hope, however, is that this sentence brings justice to Mr. Gatie's family and serves as a reminder that driving under the influence is a serious offense with serious consequences."

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