



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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ROBERTA SOTO SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR DEADLY DUI COLLISION

Deputy District Attorney Dennis Verzosa and Senior District Attorney Investigator Rod Campbell are pleased to announce that today, March 12, 2015, Roberta Soto was sentenced to thirteen (13) years in prison for the August 14, 2014, collision that killed 26 year old CRMC radiology technician Matthew Harkenrider.

Roberta Soto was driving under the influence of methamphetamine when she ran a red light at the intersection of Fresno and Herndon, causing the early morning crash. Seven individuals were injured in five separate vehicles.

Mr. Harkenrider, who was killed in the collision, is survived by his wife and a seven year old daughter.

The defendant was convicted of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, driving under the influence of a drug and causing injury to multiple victims, possession of methamphetamine, auto theft, and driving without a license.

Deputy District Attorney Verzosa would like to thank Detectives Brian Hance and Jason Musser of the Fresno Police Department Crash Reconstruction Unit for their work on this case.