



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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## NEWS RELEASE

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# HECTOR CASTILLO-PICHARDO ENTERS PLEAS TO KILLING MOLLY GRIFFIN AND OSCAR VEGA IN FEBRUARY FATAL DUI

Deputy District Attorney Sally Moreno is pleased to announce that today, November 30, 2015, Hector Castillo-Pichardo entered pleas of “no contest” to driving under the influence and killing two people back on February 21, 2015.

Hector Castillo-Pichardo was charged with driving under the influence and causing a collision on Friant Road at Copper River Drive that killed Molly Taylor Griffin and Oscar Felix Vega, and seriously injured Emily Kristen Krieghoff and Jose Flores.

Today Mr. Castillo-Pichardo entered pleas of “no contest” to two counts of Gross Vehicular Manslaughter While Intoxicated, Driving With a 0.08% Blood Alcohol Level or Higher and Causing Injury, Being an Unlicensed Driver, and Failure to Stop at a Red Light.

Mr. Castillo-Pichardo faces a maximum sentence of up to 21 years in custody when he is sentenced in Department 31 of the Fresno County Superior Court on February 9, 2016.

The defendant remains in custody at the Fresno County Jail.

The case was prosecuted by the District Attorney’s “Impaired Driver Vertical Prosecution Unit.”

The Media may contact Administrative Assistant Leslie Gillespie at (559) 600-4442 with questions.

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