



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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LOREN LEBEAU'S REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HIS PLEA DENIED BY THE COURT

Today, February 24, 2017, a Fresno County Judge denied Loren Lebeau's motion to withdraw his previously entered pleas in a criminal case charging him with the death of Donovan Maldondo.

On July 25, 2012, Loren Lebeau was arrested for running over and killing 11-year-old Donovan Maldonado and injuring his father Jesse Maldonado, while they were crossing Shepherd Avenue in northeast Fresno.

In June 2013, Mr. Lebeau entered pleas of "no contest" to Gross Vehicular Manslaughter while Intoxicated, Driving Under the Influence Causing Injury, and Leaving the Scene of an Accident Causing Death or Permanent Serious Injury. In August 2013, Mr. Lebeau was sentenced to twelve (12) years in custody in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

After being sentenced, an Appellate Court ruled that Mr. Lebeau should be allowed to file a motion requesting to withdraw his pleas in the case in Fresno County Superior Court. After that ruling, Mr. Lebeau filed a motion asking to withdraw his pleas.

Today, the Honorable Judge Alvin Harrell denied Mr. Lebeau's request to allow him to withdraw his pleas, meaning that Mr. Lebeau will continue to serve out his sentence of 12 years.

Mr. Lebeau's attorney has been given the opportunity to file a "motion for reconsideration" of today's ruling. Any such motion, if filed, will be heard on March 24th.

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