



## COUNTY OF FRESNO

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### NEWS RELEASE

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## **Amber Sexton Charged with Gross Vehicular Manslaughter for Tuesday Night's Highway 41 Collision**

Amber Sexton (33, of Hayfork) has been charged in a felony complaint with crimes including gross vehicular manslaughter while impaired, driving under the influence of a drug causing great bodily injury, driving while addicted to a drug, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, and driving without a valid license. The charges are related to a vehicle collision which occurred on Highway 41 near West Harlan Avenue in the evening hours of November 10, 2020.

It is alleged that the defendant drove while under the influence of drugs, including methamphetamine, opiates, and THC, which caused her to veer from the southbound lanes of Highway 41 into northbound traffic. The Chevy Silverado driven by the defendant was involved in a head-on collision with a Honda Civic driven by the victim, pinning the victim inside of the vehicle. The 23 year-old male victim was transported to Community Regional Medical Center, but later died of his injuries.

The complaint alleges that the defendant committed the crimes of:

1. Gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated [PC 191.5(a)]
2. Driving under the influence of drugs causing great bodily injury [VC 23153(f)/PC 12022.7(a)];
3. Driving while addicted to a drug [VC 23152(c)]
4. Possession of drug paraphernalia [H&S 11364(a)];
5. Driving without a license [VC 12500(a)].

If convicted of the charges and allegations, the defendant faces a sentence of up to 10 years in prison.

The defendant was arrested on November 10, 2020 by officers of the California Highway Patrol. She remains in custody and her arraignment is scheduled for November 16, 2020.

The case is currently being prosecuted by the Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driver Vertical Prosecution Program. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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