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## **Driver Charged with Murder in Crash that Killed Hoover High School Student**

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed charges against Lisa Ellen Spors (39, of Fresno) for her role as the driver of a vehicle that struck and killed a Hoover High School student as he crossed the street in front of the school in the evening hours of October 4, 2022.

It is alleged that Spors was driving northbound when she struck the 15-year-old as he was crossing First Street in a westbound direction. Spors left the scene of the crash and returned to the area after approximately twenty minutes. Results from the Spors' toxicology report at the time of the incident indicate that she had a combination of illicit and prescription substances in her system. The victim later died at an area hospital due to the injuries he sustained in the crash.

The criminal complaint alleges that Spors committed the crimes of:

- One (1) Count of MURDER [Penal Code §187(a)]
- One (1) Count of DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A DRUG CAUSING GREAT BODILY INJURY [Vehicle Code §23153(f)/Penal Code §12022.7(a)]; and,
- One (1) Count of FAILURE TO PERFORM A DUTY FOLLOWING A COLLISION CAUSING DEATH [Vehicle Code §20001(b)(2)].

In 2008, Spors was convicted in Fresno County Superior Court for driving under the influence. In that case, she was advised that driving under the influence was dangerous to human life and that she could be charged with murder if she did so, and a person was killed as a result of that driving.

If convicted of the charges and allegations, Spors faces a sentence of 15 years to life in prison.

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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