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DRUNK DRIVER SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON

Today, Stephen Arnold Moore, 40, of Redding was sentenced to 27 years to life in state prison in connection with a traffic collision in downtown Redding on December 31, 2007. Moore had earlier pled guilty to felony driving under the influence causing injury and felony hit and run from an injury accident. Moore was eligible for a life sentence as a result of his two prior "strike" convictions for involuntary manslaughter with use of a deadly weapon and assault with a deadly weapon.

In sentencing Moore to the maximum possible penalty, the Honorable Steven Jahr denied a defense motion for a lesser sentence.

Moore was driving his vehicle northbound on Pine Street at a high speed when he ran a red light at the intersection of Shasta Street, striking a westbound vehicle being driven by David Doty. Mr. Doty's teenaged sons, Joel and Daniel, were passengers in his vehicle. The impact of the collision caused Mr. Doty's vehicle to collide with a building at the northwest corner of the intersection. After the collision, Mr. Moore fled on foot. Eyewitnesses were able to identify him as the driver. Redding Police Officer Elizabeth Harris arrested Moore several hours later after he called police to report his vehicle stolen. His blood alcohol approximately three and a half hours after the incident registered a .11.

When he was arrested, Moore denied that he was the driver of the vehicle. However, subsequent investigation by District Attorney Investigator Jeremy Duval revealed that Moore had made recorded statements admitting his involvement in the crime while in custody at the Shasta County Jail.

At the sentencing hearing members of the Doty family expressed the pain and suffering that Mr. Moore's crimes have caused in their lives.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Benjamin Hanna and was investigated by Redding Police Officer Elizabeth Harris and District Attorney Investigator Jeremy Duval. Barbara Dorris of Shasta County Victim Assistance helped the victims through the court process.

