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Defendant Pleads Guilty to Gross Vehicular Manslaughter While Intoxicated

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A 21 year old man pled guilty today in the September 2010 killing of a 21 year old woman.

Stephen BakerRubio was driving Emily Weaver on North Old Oregon Trail on September 7, 2010. When he reached the intersection of Old Oregon Trail, he avoided a stop sign by driving the wrong direction on the one-way lane that was meant for traffic approaching and turning onto North Old Oregon Trail. BakerRubio lost control of the vehicle and it rolled several times. Both BakerRubio and Weaver were ejected. Weaver was transported by ambulance to Mercy Medical Center where she died two days later. BakerRubio, who was only twenty at the time of the collision, had a blood alcohol concentration of .12%.

BakerRubio was previously facing anywhere from probation to ten years in prison. The negotiated disposition, in which he is now facing either four or six years in prison, guaranteed that BakerRubio will not receive a grant of probation. The case will be back in court on March 15, 2011 to set a sentencing date.

The case was investigated by California Highway Patrol Officer Nailor and prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Rachel Donahou. Donahou's position at the District Attorney's Office is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.