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**Defendant Sentenced to Four Years State Prison for Driving Under the
Influence Causing Injury**

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Magdaleno Huertas-Gutierrez was sentenced to four years in state prison today after his plea to driving under the influence causing injury.

On December 5, 2010, a 76 year old woman was at the intersection of Lake Blvd. and Hilltop Drive in Redding waiting to make a left turn onto Lake Blvd. Huertas-Gutierrez turned from Lake Blvd. on to Hilltop Drive and collided with the victim's vehicle. Huertas-Gutierrez continued driving down Hilltop Drive where approximately 1.1 miles later he encountered a family of five who were driving home from dinner. Huertas-Gutierrez swerved into their lane and hit the family's vehicle head on. The victims were all transported to local area hospitals and sustained minor to moderate injuries.

Huertas-Gutierrez's blood was tested and he was found to have a .31% blood alcohol content. Huertas-Gutierrez was interviewed by officers and stated that he was only aware of being in one collision with another vehicle.

Huertas-Gutierrez, who had two prior convictions for driving under the influence, entered a no contest plea to a felony driving under the influence causing injury charge and admitted enhancements for additional victims. He was sentenced immediately to four years in state prison.

This case was investigated by Redding Police Department Officer Mike Woods 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.