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**Defendant Sentenced to Six Years State Prison for Gross Vehicular
Manslaughter While Intoxicated**

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A 21 year old man was sentenced today in the September 2010 killing of a 21 year old woman.

On September 7, 2010 Stephen BakerRubio, 21 of Redding, was driving Emily Weaver when he avoided a stop sign by driving the wrong direction on the one-way lane. He 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 twenty at the time of the collision, had a blood alcohol concentration of .12%.

BakerRubio pleaded guilty to the crime of Gross Vehicular Manslaughter While Intoxicated on January 27, 2011. The plea allowed for the possibility of either a four or six year state prison term.

The Honorable Judge Wilson Curle sentenced BakerRubio to six years state prison today after an emotional sentencing hearing. Judge Curle heard testimony from Baker Rubio and arguments from both sides. Emily's mother and father as well as two sisters made statements about the impact this crime has had on their family. Emily's mother spoke about how Emily's two year old son will now grow up without knowing his mother.

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.