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**Intoxicated ATV Driver Faces Possible Prison Sentence after His
Passenger Dies**

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Redding, CA— Today, Cody Joseph Munson, 23, pleaded guilty to Gross Vehicular Manslaughter while intoxicated involving the death of his 17 year old cousin.

The incident occurred on July 11th, 2013 on a dirt road just west of Burney. Munson had been drinking alcohol with the victim and her boyfriend earlier in the day. Munson was seen driving an ATV and “seemed to be showing off,” according to witness Levi McLeod. In his statement, Munson stated he was driving 35 to 40 miles per hour and hit a rock which caused the collision. The victim, who was riding on the back of the ATV, was ejected and hit a tree.

After the collision, Munson placed the victim on the ATV and drove to the Pit River Mini Mart where he sought assistance for the victim’s injuries. The victim was taken to Mayers Memorial Hospital and then air lifted to Mercy Medical Center in Redding where she was pronounced dead. Officers from the California Highway Patrol arrested Munson on the charge of Gross Vehicular Manslaughter while Intoxicated. His blood alcohol level was .10%. Munson will be back in court on July 17th, 2014 for sentencing. At that time, the court will decide between prison and probation.

The case was investigated by the California Highway Patrol and prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Terry Powell from the Shasta County District Attorney's Office. In addition, the case was prosecuted under a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
