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**Vehicular Manslaughter Defendant Receives Prison Sentence**

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Redding, CA -- Jessica Jade Myers, 33, was sentenced to 4 years in state prison for gross vehicular manslaughter. On February 27, 2012 Myers was driving westbound on Lake Boulevard and made a left turn directly in front of another car which caused a head on collision. The driver of the other vehicle, Sara Stowe, suffered major injuries, while the rear passenger Sharon Nolan was killed as a result of the collision. A preliminary blood test of Jessica Myers revealed no alcohol in her blood, but the presence of prescription drugs was detected. However, there was not enough of a blood sample taken for the California Department of Justice to complete the analysis on the blood. As a result, the Shasta County District Attorney's Office sent the sample to one of the nation's top laboratories, NMS Labs in Pennsylvania, for analysis. Unfortunately, NMS labs also could not complete their analysis due to the lack of blood.

Based on the state of the case, Jessica Myers entered a plea to Penal Code section 192(c)(1), gross vehicular manslaughter, and Vehicle Code section 23152(a), driving under the influence on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 with the possible maximum sentence of 4 years in prison. On April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the victim Sara Stowe, and family members of the deceased Sharon Nolan gave emotional statements to the court telling of how much they missed their loved one. After hearing all of the victim's statements, and arguments by Deputy District Attorney Terry Powell and defense attorney David Wilson, the Honorable Judge Monica Marlow sentenced Jessica Myers to the maximum sentence under the plea agreement.

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

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