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Drunk Driver Guilty of Killing and Seriously Injuring Motorists

State v. Efrain Garcia, 2015-CR-0020

DAYTON, OH (02/18/2015) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Efrain Garcia**, 24, a Mexican citizen, pled guilty for causing a traffic crash that killed a 67-year-old woman and seriously injured her 46-year-old son-in-law.

Around 5:00 a.m. on the morning of December 13, 2014, police and medics responded to a traffic crash at the intersection of Kettering Blvd. and State Rt. 741 in Moraine. The defendant made an illegal left turn at the intersection, striking an on-coming vehicle in the driver's side. The driver of the on-coming vehicle had been taking his mother-in-law to her scheduled kidney dialysis appointment. Both were seriously injured, and were transported to the hospital.

At the time of the crash, the defendant had a blood-alcohol concentration of .152, nearly double the legal limit.

Nine days later, the passenger, 67-year-old Rosa Stethem died from complications associated with the injuries sustained in the crash.

Today, the defendant was found guilty of:

- One count of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide
- One count of Vehicular Assault

Prosecutor Heck continued, "This defendant didn't have a driver's license and should not have been driving, and additionally made the poor choice to drive while highly intoxicated."

The defendant is currently being held in the Montgomery County Jail. He is scheduled to be sentenced on February 24, 2015 at 8:30 am. He faces a maximum sentence of 9 ½ years in the penitentiary.

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