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Drunk Driver Sentenced for Killing and Seriously Injuring Motorists

State v. Efrain Garcia, 2015-CR-0020

DAYTON, OH (02/24/2015) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Efrain Garcia**, 24, a Mexican citizen, was sentenced to the maximum, consecutive sentence 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.

On February 18, 2015, the defendant was found guilty of aggravated vehicular homicide and vehicular assault. Today, he was sentenced to serve 9 ½ years in the penitentiary, and was ordered to pay \$888,921.09 in restitution.

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