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Re: People v. Sean Matthew Walker

Today, in Department 7 of the Solano County Superior Court, the Honorable Tim Kam presiding, Sean Matthew Walker (37 of Rocklin, CA), plead Guilty to two misdemeanor counts of Vehicular Manslaughter in violation of Penal Section 192(c)(2). On August 10, 2018, at approximately 9:00 a.m., Defendant Walker was travelling at on the shoulder of Interstate 80 when he struck California Highway Patrol Officer Kirk Griess and Vallejo resident Jaime Manuel Bueza. Unfortunately, both Officer Griess and Mr. Manuel Bueza succumbed to their injuries.

Defendant was initially charged with two felony counts of Gross Vehicular Manslaughter in violation of Penal Section 192(c)(1), based on preliminary information that the accident occurred while defendant was accessing his cellular telephone. Subsequent forensic analysis of the phone showed that he was not using his phone at the time of the collision. Moreover, defendant was also determined to have suffered from a medical condition that resulted in sudden, temporary loss of blood flow to the brain, often resulting in loss of consciousness. A full toxicology analysis also revealed that defendant was not under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or prescription drugs.

Prior to resolving the case, prosecutors took the opportunity to meet with the Solano CHP area command staff, the CHP Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team, as well as the family of Kirk Griess and a representative for the family of Jaime Manuel Bueza. At the conclusion of those meetings, all parties agreed on the resolution as outlined above.

“Any loss of life in our community is tragic. This is true whether it involves a police officer, or a citizen engaged in a routine traffic stop. We hope that today’s resolution will bring closure to the families who have lost their loved ones in this case, and at the same time hold the defendant accountable in a manner that is appropriate under the law and commensurate to the facts of the case,” said District Attorney Krishna Abrams.

The defendant will be sentenced on October 13, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 7. He faces a sentence of up to two years in the County Jail. The case was investigated by California Highway Patrol Officer Kyle Rose and prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Haroon Khan.