



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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**JUSTIN CRITTENDEN ENTERS PLEA TO
GROSS VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER
WHILE INTOXICATED FOR COLLISION
THAT KILLED MICHAEL NAVARETTE**

Deputy District Attorney John Tully and Senior Investigator Rod Campbell are pleased to announce that today, Justin Crittenden entered pleas of “no contest” to felony violations of:

- (1.) Gross Vehicular Manslaughter while Intoxicated;
- (2.) Driving Under the Influence of a Drug Causing Injury; and
- (3.) Evading a Peace Officer.

The “no contest” pleas are treated the same as “guilty” pleas in criminal cases.

These charges stemmed from a solo motor vehicle collision on May 1, 2015, at Railroad and Golden State Avenues. Killed in the collision was his passenger Michael Navarette. Another passenger, Cassandra Aderigibhe, was injured.

Mr. Crittenden is scheduled for sentencing on June 12, 2015.

He faces up to 14 years and 8 months in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation when he is sentenced.

Deputy District John Tully would like to thank Detectives Hance and Maffei of the Fresno Police Department Crash Reconstruction Unit for their work on this case.