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**February 23, 2017**

**Re: *People v. Cameron Wesley Oliver, Case No. 17CR01583***

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that murder charges have been filed in connection with the February 6, 2017 traffic collision that killed Leann Rachel Stauffer and Tricia Jo Jensen of Santa Maria. Mr. Oliver is charged with two counts of murder, in violation of Penal Code section 187, and a felony violation of driving with a blood alcohol content exceeding .08% causing bodily injury to Brian Freeborn, in violation of Vehicle Code section 23153(b). Special allegations include a blood alcohol content exceeding .15% in violation of Vehicle Code section 23578; driving at least 30 mph in excess of the posted speed limit in violation of Vehicle Code section 23582; and having previously been convicted of a DUI offense in violation of Vehicle Code section 23540. In filing these additional charges District Attorney Dudley stated, "Driving under the influence of any intoxicating substance can cause death. When specific factual and legal circumstances are alleged to have occurred the driver will be charged with murder."

Mr. Oliver was taken into custody by the California Highway Patrol on February 23, 2017, pursuant to a no bail arrest warrant obtained by the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations. The case will be heard on February 27, 2017 at 8:30 am in Department 9, in the Santa Maria division of the Santa Barbara County Superior Court.

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