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Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that Manuel Martin Camarillo was sentenced to 8 years in state prison by the Honorable Clifford Anderson as a result of his plea on multiple felony crimes. Camarillo pled no contest to gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs causing injury, and driving with a .08% blood alcohol concentration or higher causing injury. He also admitted to special enhancement allegations for personally inflicting great bodily injury and causing bodily injury to more than one victim.

On April 18, 2012, Camarillo struck an embankment on San Marcos Pass and flipped his truck while under the influence of drugs and alcohol. The collision caused both Camarillo and his front seat passenger, Mr. Redi Naco, to be ejected from the vehicle. Naco was pronounced dead at the scene and another passenger suffered serious injuries.

Prosecuting attorney Kevin Weichbrod read a letter from the decedent's aunt, Brunilda Bici, at the time of sentencing. Bici asked the Court to recognize that Camarillo's "immature and irresponsible actions caused [the] family such grief, pain, and harm," and asked that Camarillo, "be punished to the fullest extent of the law."

There was no plea bargain offered in this case. Prosecuting attorney Kevin Weichbrod argued for a state prison sentence of 12 years.

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