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District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that charges have been filed against Daniel Garcia Castillo, age 37, of Santa Maria. Castillo is the driver of a forklift involved in a vehicle collision that killed two people on August 29, 2013.

It is alleged that Castillo was driving a forklift on Philbriic Road when he made a left turn into the path of an oncoming Honda Civic operated by Adolfo Cedillos Pozos and carrying three other passengers. Pozos and passenger Casilda Diaz Pozos were killed. The remaining passengers, Celiset Pozos and Mayte Pozos Carrasco, were also injured in the collision.

Castillo is being charged with two felony counts of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated in violation of Penal Code section 191.5(a) and two counts of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol causing injury in violation of Vehicle Code section 23153(a). It is also alleged that Castillo inflicted great bodily injury on Celiset Pozos and Mayte Pozos Carrasco.

Castillo's arraignment was continued until September 6, 2013, in Santa Maria Superior Court, Department 9. Bail is set at \$250,000.

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