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Re: *People v. Rigoberto Pauceno Gracida; Case No. 17CR13040*

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that charges have been filed against Rigoberto Pauceno Gracida, as a result of a multi-vehicle crash that occurred on December 17, 2017 on Highway 154 just east of Zaca Station Road. Hamilton Dias Bonilla and Antonia Bautista Santiago were killed in the crash. Two other adults were also injured.

Gracida is being charged with two felony counts of driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury, in violation of Vehicle Code sections 23153(a) and (b), along with the misdemeanor offense of driving when his driving privilege was suspended, in violation of Vehicle Code section 14601.1(a). The complaint alleges that more than one victim was injured and that some victims suffered great bodily injury.

The defendant was arraigned on December 19, 2017 when bail was set in the amount of \$300,000. A Preliminary Hearing Setting is scheduled on December 21, 2017 in Dept. 6 of the Santa Maria Superior Court.
