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District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that Lanie Tyrone Richardson, age 29, pled to committing gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, a felony violation of Penal Code section 191.5(a). Richardson also admitted to personally inflicting great bodily injury to a second victim and to having a prior felony conviction. Additionally, Richardson pled to misdemeanor driving on a suspended license as a result of a prior DUI conviction.

The defendant will be sentenced to 14 years in state prison on January 9, 2014, in Department 11, the Honorable Jean Dandona presiding.

A count of second degree murder was dismissed. Although Richardson's sentence would have been longer if convicted of this charge (15-life), both the victims and the investigating law enforcement officers felt under these tragic circumstances this agreement was in the best interest of justice.

Deputy District Attorney Von Nguyen stated, "This case demonstrates the significant consequences that can result for those who choose to drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs." District Attorney Dudley added, "The legal responsibility for engaging in risky or reckless driving always falls on the driver. This case serves as a devastating reminder of the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, especially how alcohol or drugs critically distorts someone's judgment."

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