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Re: *People v. Paula Lopez Ochoa*; Case No. 1478898

The Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office announced today that Paula Lopez Ochoa pled no contest to one count of driving under the influence of alcohol, a violation of Vehicle Code section 23152(a); refusing a chemical test, a violation of Vehicle Code section 23577; two counts of resisting, obstructing, or delaying a peace officer in violation of Penal Code section 148(a); and one count of battery, a violation of Penal Code section 242.

Ochoa was sentenced today by Santa Barbara County Superior Court Judge Thomas Anderle to serve 120 days in County jail. The terms of her sentence also include that she must attend at least three Alcoholics Anonymous meetings per week for three years, take the anti-alcohol drug Antabuse for three years, consume no alcohol for three years, attend counselling as directed by her mental health counsellor, and complete a nine month DMV-licensed DUI driver education course. Ochoa will remain on probation for three years. If she violates any term of her probation during the next three years, she is subject to a possible maximum of three years in County jail, assuming that the sentencing judge would decide to run each of the charges consecutively.

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