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**GROSS VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER WHILE INTOXICATED CHARGES
FILED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

On August 3rd, the Napa County District Attorney's Office issued a criminal complaint, filing charges against Susan Burnham Jevarian based upon an automobile collision and driving under the influence arrest on July 23rd, 2022. The collision occurred on State Route 29 north of State Route 121 at 10:13 pm. The collision involved three vehicles, including the defendant who was allegedly driving the wrong way on State Route 29. A blood sample was taken from Ms. Jevarian at Kaiser Vacaville Hospital and showed a .22% blood alcohol content.

The charges filed include Gross Vehicular Manslaughter While Intoxicated, Felony Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Causing Injury, Felony Driving With .08% Blood Alcohol Level or Higher Causing Injury, and Battery Upon a Doctor or Nurse. Special Allegations were filed for Excessive Blood Alcohol Level, Great Bodily Injury and Bodily Injury to More Than One Victim. It is alleged that Ms. Jevarian caused the death of her passenger and injuries to four others.

Ms. Jevarian was initially arrested and bailed out immediately on \$100K bail bond. Once the victim succumbed to her injuries, and the case was reviewed, the District Attorney's Office filed a Complaint and requested an Arrest Warrant for \$1M. Napa County Superior Court Judge Francisca Tisher signed the Arrest Warrant but reduced the amount to \$500K. On August 3rd, Ms. Jevarian was arrested by the California Highway Patrol and rebooked into the Napa County Department of Corrections. On August 4th, Ms. Jevarian was arraigned in Napa County Superior Court in Department 1. Over vehement objections from the Deputy District Attorney, bail was further reduced by Judge Diane Price to \$100K and Ms. Jevarian was released with supervisory conditions. The case was continued to September 20th for entry of plea and setting of a Preliminary Hearing.

Any questions regarding this case may be directed to Assistant District Attorney Paul Gero.