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ABC Identifies Source of Alcohol in Fatal Traffic Crash Involving Intoxicated Minor

(Lafayette, CA)- In the early morning hours on May 3, 2013, the California Highway Patrol responded to a wrong-way driver eastbound on State Route 24 west of St. Stephens in Lafayette. The wrong-way driver caused a traffic crash which killed a 51 year-old Pittsburg man.

The wrong-way driver was Annelise French McKay of Brentwood who was 20 years-old at the time of the crash. The California Highway Patrol arrested McKay for gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, felony driving under the influence and wrong-way driving. McKay's blood alcohol level was determined to be more than twice the legal limit. McKay was later convicted in the Contra Costa County Superior Court and is serving a prison sentence for her role in the incident.

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) was notified of the incident and immediately launched a parallel investigation through its TRACE program. TRACE stands for Target Responsibility for Alcohol-Connected Emergencies.

ABC Agents with the Bay Area Field Enforcement Office were able to identify the source of the alcohol which McKay consumed prior to her crash. Agents determined Eric Clayton Dresser of Danville, who was 21 years-old at the time of the incident, furnished alcohol to McKay immediately prior to the crash.

An official investigative report was filed in early May 2014 with the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office and an arrest warrant was issued for Dresser's arrest for his role in this incident. Dresser is scheduled to appear in the Contra Costa County Superior Court on June 13, 2014.

Dresser faces up to one year in jail and up to a \$1,000.00 fine or both.

ABC has conducted hundreds of TRACE investigations since the program's inception. The grant provides funding for in-depth ABC investigations of serious incidents including car crashes, alcohol overdoses, poisonings and assaults that result from alcohol consumption by minors. The TRACE program is made possible by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration.

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