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Defendant Who Furnished Alcohol to Minor in Hit and Run Case Pleads Guilty *Guilty Plea follows TRACE investigation conducted by ABC Agents*

(San Diego) – A 25 year-old man has pleaded guilty to furnishing alcohol to a minor who was involved in a fatal DUI crash following a California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Target Responsibility for Alcohol-Connected Emergencies (TRACE) investigation.

San Diego City Attorney Mara W. Elliott has announced that Lewis Cornwell, 25, has pleaded guilty to furnishing alcohol to his 20-year-old girlfriend, Jessica Medsker, on the night she ran down a 16-year-old boy in Tierrasanta. Cornwell will be sentenced later this year for the crime. Medsker is serving a four-year prison sentence for felony hit and run causing death.

ABC Agents immediately opened a TRACE investigation following the March 9, 2017, crash that killed 16-year-old Alex Funk. Agents were able to determine through a surveillance video that Medsker had been drinking in a restaurant that night, despite being underage. The video showed that 25-year-old Lewis Cornwell provided Medsker with alcohol when servers were not looking. A criminal complaint was filed against Cornwell for unlawfully furnishing alcohol to a minor. Cornwell's guilty plea was part of a plea agreement. He is scheduled to return to Court for a sentencing hearing on Friday, December 8, 2017. According to the San Diego City Attorney's Office, Cornwell will serve 100 days in custody, plus other terms and conditions of a three-year term of probation, including completion of the San Diego County Medical Examiner's [Beyond the Caution Tape Program](#).

ABC worked closely with the San Diego Police Department and the City Attorney's office throughout the criminal proceedings. Funding for the TRACE program is made possible by a California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The grant provides funding for in-depth ABC investigations of serious incidents, including car crashes that involve alcohol consumption by minors.

For more information on the TRACE Program and other ABC programs visit www.abc.ca.gov. ABC is a department of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.

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