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PRESS RELEASE

Jerald Brandon Holman Pleads No Contest to Two Counts of Murder for DUI Collision that Killed Two Children

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA, August 28, 2017 – Jerald Brandon Holman (DOB 6/21/80) pled no contest today to two counts of Murder and one felony count of Driving Under the Influence Causing Injury for a vehicle crash that occurred on September 5, 2016, on Highway 166 in southern San Luis Obispo County. He also admitted three sentencing enhancements for causing great bodily injury and one enhancement for injuring multiple victims.

The collision killed the two children, ages 4 and 7, that were passengers in Holman's vehicle, and seriously injured four occupants in the other involved vehicle. Holman's blood alcohol level was determined to be .11 four hours after the crash.

Sentencing has been set for September 18, 2017, in Department 7 of the Superior Court by Judge Craig van Rooyen. It was agreed that Holman will be sentenced to serve 30 years-to-Life in State Prison.

The case was investigated by the Santa Maria Office of the California Highway Patrol, the Highway Patrol's Coastal Division Multi-Disciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT), and the San Luis Obispo District Attorney's Office. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Stephen Wagner.

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