

Butte County District Attorney's Office
News Release
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District Attorney Mike Ramsey announced today that four of the defendants in the Chi Tau fraternity hazing case, which stemmed from February 2, 2005 death of Matthew Carrington, have pleaded guilty.

Gabriel Maestretti, 22, pleaded guilty to Involuntary Manslaughter, a felony, and Hazing, a misdemeanor.

Jerry Lim, 25, pleaded guilty to being an Accessory to Involuntary Manslaughter, a felony, and Hazing, a misdemeanor.

John Paul Fickes, 20, pleaded guilty to being an Accessory to Involuntary Manslaughter, a felony, and Hazing, a misdemeanor.

Carlos Devilla- Abrille, 22, pleaded guilty to Hazing, a misdemeanor.

Michael Fernandes, 20, pleaded guilty to Hazing on October 3, 2005. The cases against the remaining two defendants, **Richard Hirth**, 23, and **Trent Stiefvater**, 21, are still pending.

For additional comment, contact District Attorney Mike Ramsey at (530) 538-7411.