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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Man Held to Answer for Causing a Death While Drunk Driving**

A Butte County Superior Court judge today found there was sufficient evidence to hold a 24-year-old Oroville man to answer on a charge of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated. The charge stems from a car crash in the early morning hours of January 23, 2022, in which **Javier Trujillo-Alvizar, 24, formerly of Olivehurst**, drove himself and two friends head-on into an oncoming semi-truck.

District Attorney Mike Ramsey said testimony was presented at a preliminary hearing today that Trujillo-Alvizar and two friends were celebrating a birthday and drinking at a bar in Oroville. The party continued as the group left the bar and went to a friend's house in Gridley where Trujillo-Alvizar consumed more alcohol. The party continued well into the morning until Trujillo-Alvizar and the two friends got into his car and he drove towards home, heading south on SR-99. While on the way home, Trujillo-Alvizar drove his car onto the shoulder of the opposing lane of traffic just north of Evans Reimer Road.

Ramsey said Trujillo-Alvizar's car crashed head-on into a semi-truck headed north. Both Trujillo-Alvizar and his two passengers suffered serious injuries. Jamie Trigueiro Jr., 23, of Auburn died while on the way to the hospital. The semi-truck driver was not injured. The wreck was captured on the dash video of a truck following the northbound truck and was presented to the judge at preliminary hearing.

Ramsey said Trujillo-Alvizar's blood was tested at the hospital and was measured as over twice the legal limit at .20%. Trujillo-Alvizar is currently being held in custody on \$150,000 bail and is next scheduled in court on January 5, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. to have his jury trial set.

