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RE: McKinleyville Man Convicted of DUI

On September 7, 2011, a Humboldt County jury found Gregory Lee Williams, 59, of McKinleyville, guilty of driving under the influence of alcohol. Williams was fined, sentenced to three years of probation and will be required to attend a DUI class.

"I want to extend my appreciation to arresting Officers Shaun Ranney and William Flippo of the California Highway Patrol and to the jurors who served on this trial," said prosecuting Deputy District Attorney Luke Brownfield.

"The verdict is a testament to the hard work and dedication of Deputy Brownfield and the officers involved in this case," added District Attorney Paul Gallegos. "Driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs can never be safe. In 2008, there were 1,355 traffic related deaths caused by alcohol and/or other drugs in California. While roughly 80% of all DUI arrests in California are male, the proportion of female DUI offenders has been rising every year. This is a problem that each of us can work to solve. The solution is simple: do not drink and drive."

The Honorable Judge Marilyn Miles presided.