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**DAVID MORENO OF DEMING NEW MEXICO CONVICTED OF HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE
(DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED)**

Twelfth Judicial District Attorney, Scot D. Key, announces a Luna County jury has found David Moreno, age 32 of Deming, New Mexico, guilty of Homicide by Vehicle (Driving While Intoxicated), related to an incident occurring in February of 2021. The jury deliberated for approximately 45 minutes before returning the guilty verdict. The three-day trial was held before the Honorable District Judge, James B. Foy.

In the late-night hours of February 6, 2021, Deming Police Department Officers were dispatched to the intersection of Country Club Road and Birch Street due to receiving a call about a male who was struck by a vehicle. Upon arrival, Officers observed a male subject, David Moreno, on the phone whilst a second male and victim, Angel Aragon-Perez, was lying on the ground in severe pain with life threatening injuries.

While medical staff arrived to render aid, Officers spoke to David Moreno. Mr. Moreno displayed bloodshot watery eyes and slurred speech which indicated signs of intoxication. Moreover, he provided the Officers with several variations of the incident, to which all narrations were inconsistent with the observed scene. Officers then observed Mr. Moreno's vehicle which displayed damage on the front-end. The front right-side headlight was broken, and part of the hood and fender were bent inwards from an impact. Once again, Officers spoke to Mr. Moreno and could smell the odor of alcoholic beverages omitting from his person. When Officers asked Mr. Moreno if he was willing to perform a Standardized Field Sobriety Test, he refused and admitted to a foreseeable failure of the offered tests. As a result of the inconsistent stories provided by Mr. Moreno, evidence found on the scene, and the intoxicated signs exhibited, he was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor.

Through thorough investigation and nearby video footage, Deming Police Officers ultimately discovered that Mr. Moreno struck the victim with his vehicle, which in turn, led to the death of Mr. Aragon-Perez.

Mr. Aragon-Perez was treated by medical staff, but to no avail. He was pronounced deceased due to the traumatic blunt force injuries caused by the vehicle driven by David Moreno.

The parties appeared for the scheduled three-day trial on March 16, 2022, through March 18, 2022, where Moreno was convicted of Homicide by Vehicle (Driving While Intoxicated) and taken into custody.

Moreno is pending sentencing and faces a possible sentence of 19 years imprisonment in the New Mexico Department of Corrections. A Sentencing Hearing will be scheduled at a later date.



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Moreno's case was investigated by the Deming Police Department and prosecuted by Senior Trial Attorney, Timothy Nuccio.

Due to a conflict of interest in this matter, Sixth Judicial District Attorney, Michael R. Renteria, appointed Twelfth Judicial District Attorney, Scot D. Key, as a Special Prosecutor.

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