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SANTA BARBARA MAN SENTENCED IN FATAL HEAD-ON COLLISION RESULTING IN DEATH OF 18-YEAR-OLD

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Jesus Manuel Calles (DOB 06/27/92), of Santa Barbara, was sentenced to 10 years in state prison for felony gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, felony driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury, and misdemeanor driving without a valid driver's license in a head-on collision that killed one driver and injured two others in December 2021.

On December 18, 2021, California Highway Patrol officers responded to a head-on crash on U.S. Highway 101 in Ventura. Officers found that a vehicle driven by Calles crashed into a vehicle driven by 18-year-old Juan Morales as Calles was traveling southbound in the northbound lanes. Unable to avoid the collision, another vehicle driven by Rodolfo Carbajal also crashed into Morales's vehicle. Morales was killed in the collision, while his passenger and Carbajal both suffered injuries from the collision.