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*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that David Antonio Andrade-Ruiz (DOB 6/29/93), of Ojai, was sentenced to 13 years 8 months in state prison for committing gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and fleeing the scene of the collision that killed one passenger who burned to death, caused another passenger to become paralyzed, and caused a third passenger to suffer great bodily injury.

On January 23, 2016, Andrade-Ruiz drove at unsafe speeds on highway SR-33 while under the influence of alcohol and while his driver's license was suspended. He crashed into the side of the road, ejecting one rear passenger through the front windshield, causing the other rear passenger to suffer a spinal cord injury that left her paralyzed, and causing great bodily injury to the front passenger. After the crash, Andrade-Ruiz fled the scene, leaving the paralyzed passenger lying on the side of the road, and leaving the other passenger stuck in the front windshield of the burning car. Nearly a half-mile away from the scene, Andrade-Ruiz was contacted by responding police and fire department personnel. He denied being involved in the crash and said nothing about the people he had left behind at the scene of the fiery crash.

At the time of the collision, Andrade-Ruiz's blood alcohol content was 0.13 percent. In addition to the prison sentence, Andrade-Ruiz was ordered to pay restitution to the victims and their families, and his driver's license was suspended for an additional three years.

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