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Minor Given Custody Time for Driving Over Thousand Oaks High School Employee

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that on May 24, 2019, Juvenile Court Judge Kevin McGee ordered a 16-year-old minor, who drove over a Thousand Oaks High School staff member in the Thousand Oaks High School parking lot, to a term of two years of supervision under the Ventura County Probation Agency. The minor is to serve 11 months of custody in the Ventura County Juvenile Facility, 30 days of electronic monitoring, and a lifetime revocation of his driver's license pursuant to Vehicle Code section 13351.5(a). One additional year of custody was stayed pending the minor's completion of the other terms of his disposition. The minor had been charged with assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury using a vehicle in violation of Penal Code section 245(a)(4), and a special allegation that the minor caused great bodily injury to the victim. The minor admitted the charge and the special allegation.

On February 8, 2019, the minor, who had received his California driver's license the previous day, picked up several friends in his parents' Mercedes sedan in violation of his restricted driving privileges and drove them to a Thousand Oaks High School basketball game. While at the basketball game, the minor stole items from the snack bar and then attempted to flee the scene by driving away. The victim, who was the activity secretary for the school, approached the minor in the parking lot and stood in front of the minor's car. The minor continued to drive forward and hit the victim, never stopping. The victim fell onto the hood of the car and then to the ground in front of the car. The minor continued to drive over the victim as he fled the school parking lot. The victim received serious injuries.

The District Attorney previously requested to transfer the case to adult criminal court. On April 29, 2019, Judge Kevin McGee denied the transfer request and found the minor fit for juvenile court.

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