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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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Nevada City—Cliff Newell, Nevada County District Attorney, announced today that Carlee D'Arata was arraigned today on a criminal charge of Gross Vehicular Manslaughter while Intoxicated, a Felony, in violation of Penal Code section 291.5(a). The defendant entered a plea of No Contest to the above stated charge and stipulated to a 10-year state prison sentence pursuant to an agreed upon disposition with the District Attorney's Office.

This charge arose from a single vehicle traffic collision in the Grass Valley area on April 15, 2017, involving a four wheel off-road vehicle that was driven by Carlee D'Arata. Antonette Thevenin was one of three passengers in the vehicle and was killed as a result of the crash. The other passengers suffered minor injuries. A chemical test revealed that the defendant was over the legal limit for alcohol in her system. She also had a prior misdemeanor DUI conviction in 2007.

The case is set for sentencing on Friday, October 13, 2017, at 1:30 pm, at the Nevada City branch of the Nevada County Superior Court.