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Press Release: Vehicular Homicide Sentencing

The Juvenile charged in the vehicular homicides of Gregoria “Gloria” Morales Ramirez and Ori Tsioni will be sentenced at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 3, 2023. The sentencing will also include the vehicular assault-DUI of Diana Spencer, and a charge of driving under the influence from the same incident. We have received a few inquiries from the media about the possible sentencing ranges, so we wanted to provide that information in advance.

On December 16, 2022, the Juvenile entered guilty pleas to all the charges including: two counts of vehicular homicide-DUI (F-3), one count of vehicular assault-DUI (F-4), and several other offenses in case 22JD96. In relation to this same incident, the People filed a charge of driving under the influence (DUI) in County Court case 22T1769, which is permitted under the law. The Juvenile then entered a guilty plea to driving under the influence in 22T1769, as well. The guilty pleas to all the charges are the legal equivalent of being convicted at trial on every count charged.

The sentencing range authorized by the Colorado Legislature, for similarly situated juveniles, includes a maximum sentence of up to 2 years of probation and either 90 days of straight-time jail or 180 days of work release as a condition of probation. The DUI conviction has a maximum sentence of up to one year in jail and 2 years of probation. Filing of the companion DUI case, exposed the Juvenile to an additional year in jail above that authorized by the Juvenile Code. However, current law does not require a mandatory jail sentence in this type of case for adults or juveniles.

Recognizing the tragic deaths caused by this Juvenile, the District Attorney’s Office secured a stipulation to at least six (6) months in jail with a minimum of two (2) years of Probation. No agreements restrict the Court’s discretion to impose concurrent or consecutive probation or jail on the cases. As a result of the stipulation, the potential aggregate jail sentence is from 6-to-18 months. The Court can sentence the juvenile to straight time or work release. A work release sentence requires an individual to remain in a detention facility leaving only for work, school, and treatment during the day.

The terms and conditions of probation will be determined by the Court but will likely include no alcohol or non-prescribed drugs, substance abuse monitoring, substance abuse evaluation and treatment, Completion of a MADD Impact Panel, and no driving without an alcohol interlock device.

The District Attorney's Office has worked closely with the victim families in this horrible case. Although the sentencing is of the defendant, the People will seek to, also, honor the victims and support their families during the hearing.