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Plea Entered In DUI Triple Homicide Case

People v. Adam Teasdale: Kern County Superior Court Case BF183732A

(Bakersfield) - District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant resolution of a DUI homicide case today. On June 2, 2023, defendant Adam Teasdale entered pleas of no contest to all 4 felony offenses alleged against him, which included three counts of Gross Vehicular Manslaughter While Intoxicated in addition to a felony Driving Under the Influence Charge.

The collision, which resulted in three deaths, occurred at approximately 11:15 p.m. on December 31, 2020 on Brimhall Road, in West Bakersfield. At that time, the defendant, Adam Teasdale, was driving a vehicle that was occupied by four additional occupants. During the drive, Teasdale made an unsafe turning movement, which caused the vehicle to swerve and lose control, ultimately crashing into a tree. The impact caused the death of the three passengers in the back seat of the vehicle that Teasdale was driving; Devin Atha, Timothy Wilson, and Andrew Ortiz.

The agreement requires Teasdale to serve a prison sentence of six years and was reached in communication with the families of the victims and in consideration of sentencing law changes¹ that restrict imposition of middle and upper term sentences, particularly for defendants who are youthful and have no criminal history aside from the charged crime. Teasdale, who was 20 years old when the crime occurred, did not have a criminal record prior to his arrest on this case.

Sentencing is set for June 27 at 10:00 a.m. in Department 4 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable Judge Charles Brehmer.

¹ i.e. Assembly Bill 124 (2021)