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RE: State of Texas v. Norma Cisneros Martinez – D.O.B. 07/20/1968

Martinez Sentenced to 10 years for Intoxication Assault and Intoxication Manslaughter

Brownsville, Texas – March 10, 2010 – The Cameron County and District Attorney’s Office announces today that Norma Cisneros Martinez was sentenced to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Institutional Division for intoxication assault of Paula Garcia Rendon and intoxication manslaughter of Javier Rendon.

Martinez entered into a plea agreement with the Cameron County and District Attorney’s Office where she pled guilty this morning in the 445th Judicial District Court. Judge Rolando Olvera presided over this morning’s hearing and Martinez was immediately taken into custody.

According to investigations, on May 15, 2007, at approximately 10 p.m., Martinez was traveling southbound at the 2400 block of Ed Carey Drive. She failed to yield the right-of-way while making a left turn onto 25th street, thus causing the violent collision that took the life of Mr. Javier Rendon and severely injuring Paula Garcia Rendon.

“This is a terrible tragedy that simply could have and should have been avoided,” Chief First Assistant District Attorney Charles E. Mattingly said. “Every time a person is killed by a drunk driver our entire community feels the loss.”

“It is important that those who are responsible are punished appropriately to give the victims family and our community closure,” Mattingly said.

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