

Defendant Convicted of Vehicular Manslaughter, DUI Causing Injury



Sacramento County
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DATE: August 31, 2022

CASE: Gerald Atwine (Case #21FE005472)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Cody Winchester, Career Criminal Prosecution Unit

Gerald Atwine was convicted by a jury of vehicular manslaughter and two counts of DUI causing injury. The jury also found true enhancements for multiple victims, causing great bodily injury and aggravating circumstance that crime caused great bodily harm.

On November 8, 2020, Atwine was driving northbound on Highway 160 with a blood alcohol content of more than .145%. Witnesses observed Atwine swerving across multiple lanes of traffic, and across a double yellow line that separated the north and southbound lanes. Corey Brown and his passenger were driving southbound on Highway 160 when Atwine swerved across the double yellow line causing a head-on collision with Mr. Brown's vehicle. The collision killed Mr. Brown and caused great bodily injury to his passenger. Atwine indicated during trial that he had consumed alcohol, marijuana, and Advil PM prior to driving.

Atwine faces a maximum sentence of 7 years and 8 months in prison. Sentencing is set for September 30, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 37 before the Honorable Allison Williams.