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This Just in from the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.....

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County Attorney Andrew Thomas announced today that Enrique Acosta (DOB 10/16/80) has been sentenced to life in prison plus 7.5 years for an August 2008 crash that claimed three lives and left two others hurt.

A Phoenix Police patrol officer noticed Acosta's pick up truck weaving in and out of traffic south of 51st Avenue and Indian School Road. Acosta sped off even after the officer ended the pursuit by shutting off his lights and siren. Acosta ran a red light at 51st Ave and Camelback, and crashed into a passenger car. The three people in the car; Mario Bonfil Martinez, Beatriz Gutierrez-Montoya, and Nancy Rosales; died as a result. Acosta's blood alcohol level was .156.

Acosta was indicted on August 11, 2008 on three counts of murder, two counts of aggravated assault and one count of endangerment. On October 30, 2009 he pled guilty to 3 counts of First Degree Murder and two counts of Aggravated Assault. On February 12, 2010 he was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for 25 years on the murder charges plus an additional 7.5 years for the aggravated assault charges.

Deputy County Attorney Tom McDermott prosecuted the case.

County Attorney Thomas stated, "The defendant's reckless actions had tragic and deadly consequences. Murder charges and a life sentence are appropriate."

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