

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Drunk Driver Receives Prison Sentence April 3, 2017

Bryan, TX – Alejandro Arriola, 30, of Bryan, pled guilty in the 272nd District Court last Tuesday of Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or More with an affirmative finding of a Deadly Weapon. Today, Arriola was sentenced to six years in prison as a result of that plea.

On March 13, 2016, Arriola was driving on Harvey Mitchell Parkway at a high rate of speed. The defendant drove through a red light and struck three vehicles in the intersection. Arriola was transported to College Station Medical Center, where it was discovered that the defendant had a blood alcohol concentration of .238, almost three times the legal limit. In addition, the defendant also had cocaine in his system.

Two of the victims in the vehicles Arriola hit were transported to College Station Medical Center, where they were treated for minor injuries. The father of one of the victims, stated at Arriola's sentencing, "In my 48 years on earth, the longest moments of my life were the three harrowing minutes in which I feared I had lost my 19-year-old son."

Arriola's was previously convicted of DWI in 2006 and in 2015. While on bond, Arriola was arrested for and convicted of public intoxication.

This case was prosecuted by Lori Johnston.

"This defendant did everything required to end someone's life in this DWI crash. His prison sentence ensures that the roadways in Brazos County will be a safer place to drive."- Lori Johnston, Assistant District Attorney

