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Brazos County Jury Sentences Defendant to Maximum Sentence for Felony DWI

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Bryan, TX –Juan Garcia, 56, of Bryan was sentenced to 20 years in prison on May 14th for felony DWI committed on October 14, 2013.

Garcia was pulled over at 9:15 at night because he did not have his headlights on while driving on North Texas Ave. in Bryan. Garcia had left a convenience store after purchasing beer and was turning into the parking lot of a liquor store when Bryan police officer Kole Taylor stopped him.

Garcia smelled strongly of alcohol, stumbled while walking, and failed the field sobriety tests administered by Taylor. Garcia consented to a blood test to determine his blood alcohol concentration. The test showed that Garcia's blood alcohol content was three times the legal limit.

Garcia has been convicted of multiple DWI offenses beginning in 1984. Garcia was sentenced to prison for a 2006 DWI. The Brazos County Jury sentencing Garcia also heard that Garcia was arrested on December 30, 2013, for another DWI. A 911 caller reported Garcia to be driving erratically before pulling into a local bar. Bryan Police Officer Austin Stearns arrested Garcia and obtained another sample of Garcia's blood at St. Joseph's Hospital. Garcia's blood alcohol concentration was again over three times the legal limit to drive.

The Brazos County Jury deliberated for approximately one hour before returning a maximum sentence.

