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## **ABC Identifies Source of Alcohol in Injury Traffic Crash Involving Minors**

**(Redding, Shasta County)** – Four Shasta County residents face charges of furnishing alcohol to minors. The charges are related to a two-car crash involving a 19-year-old Shasta Lake City man that seriously injured him and two other people last Christmas Eve.

In the early morning hours on December 24, 2014, the Redding Police Department responded to a crash with injuries on Hilltop Drive, south of Lake Boulevard in the city of Redding. Three people suffered major injuries including the suspected at-fault driver, 19 year-old Riley Frost-Christie. Frost-Christie was reportedly under the influence of alcohol at the time of the crash.

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) was contacted about the incident and launched a parallel investigation through its TRACE program. TRACE stands for Target Responsibility for Alcohol-Connected Emergencies.

ABC Agents from the Redding District Office were able to identify the source of the alcohol which Frost-Christie had consumed prior to the crash. Agents determined that Alexa McNeil (age 22) of Redding, Paul Rhea (age 19) of Redding, and two juveniles were responsible for providing alcohol to multiple underage people, including Frost-Christie, at a house party.

An investigative report was filed in December, 2015 with the Shasta County District Attorney's Office and an arrest warrant was issued for McNeil's arrest for her role in this incident. Rhea will likely appear in the Shasta County Superior Court for his role and the two juveniles involved are scheduled to appear in Juvenile Court for their role in this incident. McNeil, Rhea, and the two juveniles face the possibility of up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine or both.

The TRACE program is made possible by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration. The grant provides funding for in-depth ABC investigations of serious incidents including car crashes, alcohol overdoses, poisonings and assaults that result from alcohol consumption by minors.

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