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### **Defendant in DUI Case Sentenced to 120 days in jail** *Had Two Prior DUI-Related Convictions*

**San Diego, CA:** San Diego City Attorney Jan Goldsmith announced that David Phillip Vega, 34, was sentenced yesterday to serve 120 days in custody by Judge Howard Shore for driving under the influence of alcohol. Vega was previously convicted of two additional DUI-related convictions in 2007 and his probation period had expired just a few months before the current offense. Judge Shore also suspended Vega's driver's license for one year and ordered that he not drive without an Ignition Interlock Device for the maximum term of three years.

On January 12, 2013, two California Highway Patrol officers responded to a three-car accident at the transition road from Interstate 8 west to Interstate 15 north. When contacted, David Vega showed objective symptoms of alcohol impairment including a strong odor of alcohol. After performing poorly on a field sobriety test, the officers placed Vega under arrest. The jury heard testimony from a criminalist from the San Diego Sheriff's Crime Lab that a post-arrest breath test showed Vega was driving with an estimated blood alcohol level of 0.11 to 0.12 percent -- approximately 6 ½ to seven standard drinks.

On June 5, 2013, after deliberating for just more than one hour, a jury convicted Vega of driving under the influence of alcohol in violation of Vehicle Code section 23152(a) and driving with a blood alcohol level of 0.08% or more in violation Vehicle Code section 23152(b). (*People v. David Phillip Vega*, case number M163099.)

**“Driving under the influence is a serious crime and custody will be handed down to repeat offenders,” said City Attorney Jan Goldsmith. “Our office prosecuted 5,550 DUI cases last year with a 99.3% conviction rate. We will continue our commitment to public safety.”**

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