



Child Injured in Woodland By Drunk Driver

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Josue Navarette, a 5-year-old child, was hospitalized Saturday with major personal injuries after he was hit by a driver who authorities believe was driving under the influence of alcohol in Woodland. The boy was struck near his home on the 700 block of East Street around 6:15 p.m. Although this [Woodland car accident](#) remains under investigation, police arrested the driver, identified as Francisco Pinon-Martine, on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. The child was taken to the UC Davis Trauma Center by the ambulance for emergency medical treatment.

The attorneys and staff at [Demas & Rosenthal](#) send our sympathies to the injured victim. We hope that Josue will have a speedy and complete recovery.

Unfortunately, this type of serious injury car accident occurs far too often. California Highway Patrol records indicate that in 2008, 53 children between the ages of 5 and 11 suffered catastrophic personal injuries in California car accidents. Nothing is more devastating than an injury or, god forbid, the death of one of our children.

Drunk Driving Accidents in California

When a DUI accident results in serious bodily injury or death, California law provides for felony charges against the offender. Despite these serious consequences, California Highway Patrol statistics indicate that in 2008 alone, there were 1,355 fatal collisions caused by drunk drivers. For some reason, it remains almost tacitly acceptable to drive after drinking in our society as long as you don't get caught. The price that is paid is too high. Since some people don't seem to be getting the message, California should do more to prevent DUI related

deaths, including stiffer penalties for all offenders, alcohol treatment programs, ignition locks, and programs like mandatory designated drivers.

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All victims and families of **DUI accidents** should to consult a reputable [Sacramento personal injury attorney](#), who will conduct a thorough investigation of the collision and hold the offending driver accountable in the civil justice system for their actions. A qualified California personal injury attorney can advise you regarding a claim for damages, including recovery of medical expenses, lost wages and pain and suffering. It is always a important to consult with a [California Personal Injury Attorney](#) as soon as possible after an incident to learn your rights and rights of your children. It is important to get legal advice quickly so that all rights are protected.

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