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**PRESS RELEASE**

State Attorney Ginger Bowden Madden announces that on August 26, 2021, Theresa King entered a plea of no contest to the charges of DUI Manslaughter and DUI Causing Serious Bodily Injury before Circuit Court Judge Coleman Lee Robinson.

The charges arose after the Defendant caused a head-on collision in the eastbound lane of Interstate 10 near mile-marker three in Escambia County, Florida, at approximately 1:30 AM on June 20, 2020. At the time of the collision, the Defendant was driving her vehicle in the wrong direction on the interstate. As a result of the crash, the driver of the other vehicle, a twenty-five year old male, died and his front seat passenger suffered serious bodily injury.

An open bottle of wine was located on the floorboard of the Defendant's vehicle. Additionally, the Defendant's blood-alcohol content was 0.132 g/100mL and the prescription drug Alprazolam (Xanax) was found in her system.

The sentencing hearing is scheduled for October 28, 2021 at 1:30 PM. The Defendant faces a maximum sentence of twenty years in prison. This case was investigated by the Florida Highway Patrol. Assistant State Attorney Matt Gordon prosecuted this case and he may be reached at (850) 595-4229.