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MAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON FOR FELONY DWI

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GALVESTON – Today a jury convicted Calvin Joe McCollom, aka Gary Wymore, of the 3rd degree felony offense of driving while intoxicated – 3rd or more. After Judge C.G. Dibrell heard the punishment evidence he sentenced the defendant to 30 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Sgt. White with Hitchcock Police Department testified that their department received a 911 call concerning a reckless driver. Sgt. White and his trainee located the vehicle and testified that they observed the driver of the vehicle failing to stay in his lane of traffic. The officers stated that the defendant was the driver and identified himself with a false name. The officers said they observed the odor of alcohol on the defendant. McCollom was arrested after failing the standard field sobriety tests. He refused to submit to a breath or blood test.

McCollom was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Christopher Henderson and Matthew Shawhan in the 405th District Court, with visiting Judge C.G. Dibrell presiding. Calvin Parks represented the defendant. The defendant elected to have his punishment assessed by the Judge. There were two felony enhancements in the indictment which increased the range of punishment to a minimum of 25 years in prison. Judge Dibrell sentenced McCollom to 30 years.

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