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RE: August 12, 2023 - INCIDENT REPORT 23-228496 - Assault with a deadly weapon charge

Dear District Attorney Ho:

We urge your prosecution, to the fullest extent of the law, of the driver of a truck who witnesses say intentionally struck a woman on a bicycle on August 12, 2023 when she was bicycling on 24th and J Streets in Sacramento.

Sacramento Police arrested the driver, Caleb Taubman, on an assault with a deadly weapon charge. Mr. Taubman has been released from police custody, pending a court date. The woman struck, Ms. Martinez, has not yet been released from the hospital, where she is being treated for four broken ribs, a fractured clavicle, a partially collapsed lung, scrapes, and bruises, and is thankful to be alive.

Your prosecuting this alleged crime to the fullest extent of the law will show that Sacramento visitors and residents can count on law enforcement officials, including the district attorney, to support the rights of people who bike to share public streets with every reasonable expectation of safety. It is unacceptable that apparent road rage must be tolerated as one of the inherent risks—for users of any form of transportation—on the public streets of our state's capital city.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention to this case.

Sincerely,



Mari Lynch, Founder
Bicycling Monterey