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**NEWS RELEASE**

**MAN SENTENCED IN CRIMINAL VEHICULAR HOMICIDE CASE FROM  
2009 CHRISTMAS EVE FATAL CRASH IN LAKEVILLE**

Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom announced that Jeffrey Arthur Martin, age 39 of Farmington, was sentenced today to a total of 545 days in jail, 30 days of Electronic Home Monitoring each year for three years and probation for 13 years by Judge David Knutson in connection with a fatal crash that occurred in Lakeville on Christmas Eve 2009 killing Everett Letterly, age 88, of Prior Lake, and injuring his wife who was driving. Martin's alcohol concentration was .17 and he was driving with his three children, ages 10, 9 and 4, in the vehicle at the time of the crash. Martin was convicted by a Dakota County Jury of Criminal Vehicular Homicide and Criminal Vehicular Injury (both felonies), and Child Endangerment and Third Degree DWI (both gross misdemeanors) on October 31, 2011. Martin was also fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay restitution.

Additional facts pertaining to these charges can be found in the criminal complaint available online at <http://services.co.dakota.mn.us/ComplaintSearch>.

Backstrom commented: "This was another tragic example of the dangers associated with drunk driving. Our sympathy is extended to the Letterly family for their significant loss."

Backstrom praised Assistant County Attorney Cheri Townsend who prosecuted this case.

If you have questions, contact James Backstrom at 651-438-4440.