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HIT AND RUN DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO 15 AND 10 YEARS

Samuel Fuente Ortez AKA Marco Alvarez, 29, of El Salvador, was sentenced to 15 and 10 years in prison respectively, for the offenses of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and accident involving injury, stemming from a June 10, 2012 head-on collision on FM 660. Jurors heard testimony that Ortez had been drinking throughout the day and had been arguing with his passenger before he caused the collision. The driver of the vehicle he hit sustained serious injuries and the passenger sustained life threatening injuries. Both were airlifted to the hospital. His passenger also sustained injuries. A witness testified that he came upon the crash scene and saw the defendant get out of the vehicle and run into the corn fields without ever checking on the welfare of the occupants of the vehicle he hit. Ortez was apprehended several hours later at a house in Dallas. During punishment, jurors also heard testimony that the defendant previously committed a DWI in 2009 in Dallas in which he hit a parked car. They also learned from a Homeland Security Agent that Mr. Ortez was in the country illegally and had a detainer placed on him. Ortez cannot be considered for parole on the aggravated assault with a deadly weapon case until he serves at least half of his sentence.



