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Honduran Man Charged in Ship Channel Double Fatality Accident

(Houston, Tx) District Attorney Pat Lykos announced the arrest and charging of a Honduran man who fled the scene of an accident in which a pregnant mother and her teenage son were killed Saturday. Moises DeJesus Alvarenga, 28, was apprehended by officers from the Houston Police Department after an investigation into the identity of the driver. The crash was caused when Alvarenga allegedly clipped the complainant's vehicle, causing it to collide with a guardrail, ejecting the complainants and sending them 147 feet to their death. Four other occupants of the vehicle were transported to the hospital with minor injuries. Alvarenga and his passenger fled the scene on foot, but their vehicle remained at the site.

Assistant District Attorney Alison Baimbridge visited the scene of the crash Saturday and noted the severity of the accident. Officers from HPD traced the registration of the vehicle back to Alvarenga's family. He was located Monday night and has been in custody since.

Alvarenga has been charged with two counts of Failure to Stop and Render Aid—involving a fatality. He faces up to 10 years in prison for each charge.

Alvarenga appeared Friday in the 339th District Court. Bonds were set at a total of \$200,000, and Immigration & Customs Enforcement has placed a hold on him due to his immigration status. (END)