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Firefighter found guilty of DWI

The Office of the District Attorney reports the guilty verdict for firefighter Juan Carlos Gomez.

On Feb. 13, 2010, Juan Carlos Gomez was operating a motor vehicle on IH 35 when he crashed into a Laredo Police Officer's unit. Officer Mario Casarez was directing traffic after a single roll over vehicle on the highway when Gomez' Toyota Tacoma collided into his vehicle.

Gomez was charged with DWI, a Class B Misdemeanor. His trial began this Monday at County Court at Law II with Judge Jesus "Chuy" Garza.

The five-day trial involved numerous witnesses including three Laredo police officers, three firefighters who are also paramedics, a chemist from the Texas Department of Public Safety and a registered nurse.

Today, the State and Defense presented closing arguments roughly after 11 a.m. The jury deliberated for an hour and found the defendant guilty of DWI.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney's Jorge Vela, Jonathan Garcia and Heather Ragsdale.

Sentencing is scheduled for Feb. 21 at 1 p.m.