

Sac County prosecutor faces DUI charge in accident involving SLT driver

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For the second time in his career, a Sacramento County deputy district attorney faces drunken driving charges after getting into a car accident.

The El Dorado County District Attorney's Office this month filed a criminal complaint in Superior Court against Alan Scott Hengel, 58. The complaint alleges that Hengel had a blood alcohol content of 0.10, above the 0.08 legal limit in California.

Around midnight on Oct. 31, Hengel was driving approximately 70 mph west on Highway 50 near Kyburz when he failed to negotiate a curve, crossed the median and hit an oncoming truck driven by Raphael Townsend of South Lake Tahoe, according to a report from the California Highway Patrol.

Hengel blamed the driver of the other vehicle for the accident, then refused to submit to a drunken driving test, the report states.

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