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## KRAMM'S LAWYER SPECIALIZES IN DUI CASES

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COURTS: Gulfport lawyer **Wayne Woodall** is defending the man charged with felony DUI in a 2002 case involving the death of a William Carey student from Ireland. BILOXI --- The attorney defending Michael Kramm in court today specializes in drunken-driving cases such as the one involving the Dec. 5, 2002, death of a college soccer player.

Gulfport lawyer **Wayne Woodall** is defending Kramm, of Pass Christian, on a DUI charge involving the death of 20-year-old Traeacy A. Staunton. The William Carey College coed from Dublin, Ireland, was riding in the back of a car stopped a traffic light when a sport utility vehicle rear-ended the car near Edgewater Mall on U.S. 90 in Biloxi.

Jury selection in the case is expected to start this morning at the Harrison County Courthouse in Biloxi. Circuit Court Judge Kosta Vlahos said opening arguments may start at 1:30 p.m.

**Woodall** is known for representing clients in several high-profile DUI cases.

He defended Brandon Corey Blenden of Saucier, who was 17 when his vehicle struck a car on Old Highway 49, killing 4-year-old Whitney Lee. The child was strapped in a car seat in the back of her mother's car.

Blenden's first trial a year later resulted in a mistrial because of conflicting testimony by state Crime Lab officers regarding Blenden's blood-alcohol level. Blenden was convicted in a second trial in 1996. Judge Jerry O. Terry sentenced Blenden to 20 years in prison.

However, charges were dismissed against one of **Woodall's** clients in 2000 after the state failed to prove how drunk Robert Judson Doss was when his car hit a truck after the 1995 Pass Christian Carnival parade. Doss was 27 at the time.

Blood drawn from Doss two hours after the crash did not prove how much alcohol was in his blood at the time of the accident, **Woodall** argued.

Terry also was the judge in that case. Brian Mann, 24, died of smoke inhalation in the collision on U.S. 90 in Henderson Point.

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The **Woodall** File

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