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**PRESS RELEASE
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RE: COMMONWEALTH V. AGUSTIN GARCIA**

**ILLEGAL ALIEN CONVICTED OF THIRD DRUNK DRIVING
OFFENSE**

A man with two previous drunk driving convictions in Texas was found guilty of the same offense Tuesday in County Court, District Attorney Eric R. Linhardt announced.

Additionally, Linhardt noted, 40-year-old Agustin Garcia was in the country illegally and is also being detained by Federal Immigration officials.

Garcia was arrested in September after police were called to the Day's Inn along Route 15 in South Williamsport. Garcia was seen staggering to his pick-up truck and trying to drive through the back of another truck that was blocking his path. Eventually, a witness said, Garcia drove through a fence and crashed into a dumpster.

After arriving, South Williamsport Police Cpl. Carl J. Finnerty noticed Garcia's slurred speech, blood shot eyes and an odor of alcohol. Finnerty was given what appeared to be a fraudulent Social Security card. It was determined that Garcia had no valid driver's license.

In Court this week, Garcia was convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol and was scheduled for sentencing in August. Due to the previous two DUI convictions, Garcia faces a mandatory minimum sentence of one to five years in prison.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Biichle. Judge Joy Reynolds McCoy revoked Garcia's bail following the conviction and he was returned to custody.