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## **Man Sentenced to Prison in Burbank Stabbing**

A Glendale man was sentenced today to prison for stabbing a man during an altercation, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Haroutian Vagarshak Stepanyan (dob 3/24/92) pleaded no contest to one felony count of assault with a deadly weapon and admitted an allegation of causing great bodily injury in the commission of a felony. He was sentenced to four years in state prison.

Prosecutors said Stepanyan was in an altercation with another man on Dec. 9, 2016, near Palm Avenue and Glenoaks Boulevard in Burbank when he stabbed the victim in the chest. The victim then allegedly tried to drive himself to the hospital but lost control of his minivan near the intersection of Olive Avenue and San Fernando Boulevard, where he crashed into pedestrian Rodolfo Tan, 52, who was on the sidewalk. Tan died as a result of his injuries.

Stepanyan was arrested and charged with one count of murder in the death of the pedestrian and one count of attempted murder in the stabbing of the driver in case GA100705. However, a judge dismissed the murder charge over the objections of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office at the July 3 preliminary hearing.

The case was investigated by the Burbank Police Department.

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