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Man Pleads to Fleeing Police in Chase That Ended in South Los Angeles Standoff

A man pleaded no contest today to charges related to leading police on a car chase and then barricading himself in an apartment with an infant last summer in South Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Juan Manuel Zamora, 25, entered the plea to one felony count each of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's vehicle while driving recklessly, possession of an assault weapon, possession of a firearm by a felon and unlawful possession of ammunition.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 3 in Department 33 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney Kristopher Gay said Zamora will be sentenced to five years in state prison as a result of the plea.

On June 28, 2019, police officers responding to a call attempted to stop the defendant's vehicle in a parking lot at South San Pedro Street and East Washington Boulevard, but he drove away, the prosecutor said. Zamora hit a police vehicle as he fled, led officers on a chase and then crashed into a traffic pole.

The defendant then ran inside an apartment where he barricaded himself with his 2-month-old child before surrendering to police several hours later, the prosecutor added.

Case BA479126 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Newton Division.

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