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Woman Charged with Vehicular Manslaughter In Death of Friends

A 23-year-old woman has been charged with vehicular manslaughter and driving under the influence after her car struck a tree, killing two passengers and injuring two others, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jeanette Romero (dob 12/1/90) was arrested earlier this week and charged today in an amended complaint BA421146 with two counts each of vehicular manslaughter and two counts each of driving under the influence causing injury.

She is expected to be arraigned this afternoon in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. Prosecutors will ask that bail be set at \$330,000.

Romero had been at a downtown Los Angeles club with four of her girlfriends on Nov. 3, 2013, celebrating 22-year-old Ana Cuadra's birthday. Romero was driving northbound on the 110 Freeway when she hit a curb at a turnout, struck a chain link fence and a tree, prosecutors said.

Blanca Belman-Almanza, 23, riding in the front passenger seat was killed, as well as Cuadra who was seated in the rear of the car. Two other women were seriously injured.

Romero, who also had major injuries, faces a maximum of 13 years in prison if convicted.

The case was investigated by the California Highway Patrol.

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