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Man Pleads No Contest to Burbank DUI Pedestrian Death

A 37-year-old man pleaded no contest today to the DUI death of a woman who was walking to her job at Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Stergios Antonios Economos of Burbank pleaded no contest to one count each of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and driving under the influence of a drug causing injury. He also admitted two allegations of inflicting great bodily injury on two victims in the open plea to the court, said Deputy District Attorney Casey Higgins of the DUI Training and Prosecution Section (DTAPS.)

The open plea means a sentence was not negotiated with the District Attorney's Office.

Sentencing is scheduled for May 7 in Department C of Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pasadena Branch.

On Sept. 7, the defendant allegedly ran a red light, running over victim Michelle Ann Landes, 64, at a crosswalk near Alameda Avenue and Lincoln Street, the prosecutor said. Economos' vehicle then crashed into a car.

The driver of the car was badly injured. Landes died as a result of her injuries.

Economos faces a possible maximum sentence of 13 years in state prison.

The Burbank Police Department investigated case GA101880.

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