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## **Compton Man Convicted of Murder, Gross Vehicular Manslaughter, Other Charges**

A jury today found a man guilty of killing a motorcyclist while driving drunk on the 105 Freeway, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Drew Josfan said the jury deliberated less than a day before convicting Jose Corona, 31, of Compton, of second-degree murder, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident. Additionally, the defendant was found guilty of misdemeanor driving while license is suspended/revoked.

Corona is scheduled to be sentenced March 17 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Compton before Judge Laura Walton. The defendant faces a maximum sentence of 20 years to life in state prison.

The prosecutor said on Jan. 9, 2013, at about 10:30 p.m., Corona was driving westbound on the 105 Freeway when his vehicle swerved into the carpool lane and fatally struck motorcyclist Kyle Silva, 22.

Instead of stopping after the crash, the defendant continued driving. An off-duty deputy sheriff saw the collision, followed Corona on the 105 Freeway and alerted the California Highway Patrol.

Just east of the 405 Freeway, the defendant abruptly stopped his car, the prosecutor said. CHP approached the vehicle and discovered Corona asleep at the wheel.

The defendant was immediately taken into custody and it was discovered that his blood alcohol level was .15 percent.

It was testified in court that Corona had two prior DUIs from 2003 and 2010. Furthermore, at the time of the car crash, the defendant was on probation for a DUI.

The case was investigated by the California Highway Patrol and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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