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CORRECTION: Corrects name of the investigating agency.

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Man to Face Charges for Fleeing Police, Hitting Pedestrian

A 29-year-old man is scheduled to be arraigned today on charges of hitting a pedestrian with a vehicle while fleeing authorities, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Moises Anthony Salais (dob 4/20/88) of Los Angeles is expected to appear in Department 30 at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center in case BA465786.

Salais was charged Monday with one count each of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle causing serious bodily injury and hit-and-run driving resulting in death or serious injury to another person.

The charges include allegations of prior felony convictions – assault with a deadly weapon in 2009, corporal injury to a spouse, co-habitant or child's parent in 2012, and assault with a firearm in 2013. The 2009 and 2013 convictions were both strikes.

According to prosecutors, Salais was driving a vehicle on Feb. 20 when California Highway Patrol officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop. Salais allegedly fled the scene, striking a pedestrian pushing a shopping cart and then a parked vehicle near Velasco and Second streets in Los Angeles, prosecutors said.

Salais exited the vehicle and allegedly fled on foot until officers caught him, prosecutors said. The pedestrian allegedly suffered broken ribs in the collision.

Bail was set at \$1.1 million. Salais faces a maximum sentence of 31 years to life in state prison if convicted as charged.

The case remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

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