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Arcadia Man Receives 10-Year Sentence For Freeway Fatality

An Arcadia man was sentenced today to 10 years in state prison for driving drunk and fatally striking a construction worker on the 10 Freeway, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Mike Camacho sentenced Tatsuhiko Sakamoto, 39, to the maximum term of 10 years in state prison.

A jury convicted Sakamoto Nov. 1, 2013 of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol causing injury. Jurors also found true a special allegation that the defendant inflicted great bodily injury while committing the felony.

Sakamoto was accused of driving drunk April 5, 2012 and fatally striking Connor Penhall. The victim was doing construction work on a closed section of the westbound side of the San Bernardino 10 Freeway.

Penhall, of Corona, was the son of actor and motorcycle racing champion Bruce Penhall.

The case was investigated by the California Highway Patrol.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Annually, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecutes more than 60,000 felonies and 140,000 misdemeanor crimes.