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Woman Charged with Fatal Hit-and-Run in South LA

A 36-year-old woman pleaded not guilty yesterday to driving under the influence of alcohol, striking another car and fleeing the scene, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Iyerusalem Kidane Bihon (dob 1/22/81) has been charged with four felony counts in case TA142625: gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, vehicular manslaughter, hit-and-run driving resulting in death to another person and driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage causing injury.

The felony complaint includes special allegations that the defendant personally inflicted great bodily injury on the victim and fled the scene of the crime.

Prosecutors said on the afternoon of Feb. 24, Bihon reportedly drove a vehicle in South Los Angeles while under the influence of alcohol. While driving, the defendant allegedly crashed into another vehicle and killed the driver, Brenda Scott, 64, according to prosecutors.

After the collision, Bihon is accused of fleeing the scene, prosecutors said. The defendant turned herself into authorities on Feb. 27 and was charged on March 1 in connection with the fatal crash.

Bihon is scheduled to return to court on March 16 for a preliminary hearing setting in Department 35 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

If convicted as charged, Bihon faces a maximum possible sentence of 10 years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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