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## **Car Thief Sentenced for Torrance Police Pursuit that Ended in Fatal Crash**

A man who was out on bail for a stolen vehicle case entered no contest pleas today for leading police on a pursuit that ended in a fatal crash in Torrance, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Zachary Thomas Alexander, 24, of San Pedro pleaded to four felony counts of receiving stolen property, motor vehicle with priors; three felony counts of grand theft auto with priors; as well as one felony count each of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle causing death; and driving or taking a vehicle without consent after a prior conviction.

Deputy District Attorney Lindsay Kurtis said Alexander was immediately sentenced to 26 years in state prison.

On Feb. 20, 2017, police began pursuing the defendant after they spotted him driving a stolen vehicle, the prosecutor said. The chase ended when Alexander crashed into the victim's vehicle near Carson Street and Maple Avenue, the prosecutor added. The driver in that vehicle, Charles Wang, 56, died at the scene.

Prior to the pursuit, the defendant had stolen two vehicles in January and February 2017.

Case YA095643 was investigated by the Torrance Police Department.

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