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**Man Charged With Stabbing That
Allegedly Led to Fatal Crash in Burbank**

A Glendale man was charged today with the stabbing of a driver who allegedly lost control of his vehicle on the way to the hospital and killed a pedestrian, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Damiana Mundorff said Haroutian Vagarshak Stepanyan (dob 3/24/92) faces one count each of murder and attempted murder in case GA100705.

Stepanyan pleaded not guilty to the charges today and is scheduled back on April 21 in Department J of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pasadena Branch.

On December 9, Stepanyan is accused of stabbing a man in the chest near Palm Avenue and Glenoaks Boulevard in Burbank during an altercation.

The victim then allegedly tried to drive himself to the hospital but lost control of his minivan near the intersection of Olive Avenue and San Fernando Boulevard where he crashed into pedestrian Rodolfo Tan, 52, who was on the sidewalk, the prosecutor said. Tan died as a result of his injuries.

Bail was set at \$2 million. If convicted as charged, Stepanyan faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Burbank Police Department.

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