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**CORRECTION: An earlier news release named one of the victims as George Stewart III. His correct name is George Stewart II.**

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## **Man Sentenced for Car Crash That Killed Two Teens in Hacienda Heights**

A 69-year-old man was sentenced today to five years of summary probation for crashing his vehicle into a truck, killing two teenagers, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At today's court appearance Key Jaison Kim (dob 9/28/47) pleaded no contest to two misdemeanor counts of vehicular manslaughter in an open plea to the court.

The open plea means a sentence was not negotiated with the District Attorney's Office.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Donna Hollingsworth also ordered the defendant to complete 800 hours of community service, attend the hospital and morgue program and complete the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Victim Impact Program. Furthermore, Kim's driver's license was revoked for five years.

Deputy District Attorney Sonia Govea, who prosecuted the case, said on Oct. 18, 2015, Kim was driving eastbound on the 60 Freeway when he got off the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue exit and struck a truck traveling northbound on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The truck's driver and passenger, George Stewart II, 18, and Sabrina Dalilha Castillo, 18, were immediately killed in the collision.

According to the prosecutor, the defendant committed pedal error by applying pressure on the accelerator pedal instead of the brakes while exiting the off-ramp.

Case 6EM03823 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 protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.