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Woman Sentenced to Prison for Killing Bicyclist in West Covina

A 25-year-old woman was sentenced today to nine years in state prison for driving under the influence of alcohol, striking and killing a bicyclist with her vehicle and then fleeing the scene, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At today's court appearance, Presley Danielle Rodriguez of Glendora pleaded guilty to one felony count of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated in case KA111050. The defendant also admitted a special allegation that she fled the scene of the crime.

Deputy District Attorney Cynthia Valenzuela, who prosecuted the case, said on Oct. 26, 2015, Rodriguez was driving under the influence of alcohol when she hit a bicyclist with her vehicle in West Covina.

Following the collision, the defendant fled the area, the prosecutor said. However, soon after the crash, Rodriguez was arrested by an officer who happened to be nearby, the prosecutor added.

The bicyclist, Jose De Jesus Ruiz Villanoeva, died at the scene.

The case was investigated by the West Covina Police Department.

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