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Woman Pleads No Contest to Vehicular Manslaughter In DUI Death of Cyclist

A 21-year-old woman pleaded no contest today to vehicular manslaughter and other charges for the death of a cyclist in Los Angeles last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Wendy Stephanie Villegas entered her plea to one count each of vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, driving under the influence causing injury and leaving the scene of an accident.

Villegas was ordered to return to court April 22 when she will be sentenced to three years, eight months in state prison, prosecutors said.

Deputy District Attorney Nicholas Swertlow said Villegas was driving home in the early morning hours of Sept. 14, 2013, when she struck a group of cyclists in Boyle Heights. Luis "Andy" Garcia, 22, was killed after he was dragged for several hundred feet by a following car, the prosecutor said. Two others were injured.

After the collision, Villegas panicked and fled the scene, prosecutors said.

The Los Angeles Police Department investigated the case.

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