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Man Charged with Fatal Hit-and-Run in Whittier

A 30-year-old man pleaded not guilty today to fatally striking a pedestrian with a vehicle and then fleeing the scene, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Randy Marquez (dob 11/18/85) of Hacienda Heights has been charged with one felony count of hit-and-run resulting in death in case VA141514.

The felony complaint also alleges that the defendant was previously convicted of second-degree robbery in 2013.

Prosecutors said in the evening of March 19, victim Victor Gallegos was crossing the street in Whittier when Marquez allegedly struck Gallegos with his truck and then fled the area.

Several days after the incident, Marquez turned himself over to police.

Marquez is scheduled to return to court on April 5 for a status hearing in Department J of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of nine years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Whittier Police Department.

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