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Murder Charge Filed Against Man for Fatal DUI Crash

A Bellflower man has been charged with murder for a fatal crash in Long Beach, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

David Michael Garrison (dob 10/2/81) faces one count each of murder, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense, driving with a .08% blood alcohol content causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense and driving under the influence of a drug causing injury with an allegation of causing great bodily injury.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department S01 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch. Case NA114197 was filed yesterday.

On March 23, Garrison allegedly crashed into a car while driving at a high rate of speed on Pacific Coast Highway and Anaheim Street, prosecutors said. The driver of the other vehicle, Dennis Van Nguyen, 64, died as a result of the injuries, prosecutors added.

The defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 15 years to life in state prison if convicted as charged. Bail is set at \$2 million.

Deputy District Attorney Brittany Vannoy of the DUI Training and Prosecution Section is the assigned prosecutor.

The case remains under investigation by the Long Beach Police Department.

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