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Drunk Driver Sentenced to Prison for Killing Pedestrian

A 37-year-old man was sentenced today to 10 years in state prison for driving under the influence and killing a woman who was walking to her job at the Disney lot in Burbank, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Feb. 26, Stergios Antonios Economos of Burbank entered an open no contest plea to one count each of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and driving under the influence of a drug causing injury.

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

Deputy District Attorney Casey Higgins of the DUI Training and Prosecution Section said Economos also admitted allegations of inflicting great bodily injury on two victims.

The defendant ran a red light on Sept. 7, 2017, running over victim Michelle Ann Landes, 64, at a crosswalk near Alameda Avenue and Lincoln Street, the prosecutor said. Economos' vehicle then crashed into a car, according to the prosecutor.

The driver of the struck vehicle was injured. Landes died as a result of her injuries, the prosecutor added.

Case GA101880 was investigated by the Burbank Police Department.

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