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## **Man Pleads Guilty for Killing Infant, Grandmother in Hit-and-Run**

A man pleaded guilty today for fatally hitting a woman and her infant granddaughter with his vehicle and then fleeing the scene last October, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Dennis Anthony Perez, 48, entered the plea to two felony counts of vehicular manslaughter.

Deputy District Attorney Vanessa Alfaro said Perez also admitted allegations of fleeing the scene of the crash.

The defendant was immediately sentenced to 12 years and four months in state prison.

On the evening of Oct. 26, 2018, Perez was driving his vehicle northbound on Del Mar Avenue in San Gabriel when he hit a woman who was pushing her granddaughter in a stroller in a crosswalk at Live Oak Street, the prosecutor said. Perez then fled the scene.

Victims Mei Li, 59, and 18-month-old Paisley Chen, were transported to a local hospital where they died as a result of their injuries. Police later identified the defendant's vehicle.

Case GA104566 was investigated by the San Gabriel Police Department.

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