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North Hills Man Sentenced for Killing Woman, Injuring Toddler in DUI Crash

A Mission Hills man was sentenced yesterday to 12 years and eight months in state prison for a DUI crash in 2017 that killed a woman as she removed her 23-month-old toddler from a car seat in a parked vehicle, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Courtney Armendariz said Jose Armando Macias Jr., 23, pleaded guilty in March to one felony count each of driving under the influence of alcohol and a drug and causing great bodily injury to a child under the age of five years as well as gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated.

Macias was driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs when he crashed into Ruth Chinchilla, 34, as she got her daughter out of her car parked in front of her home on Woodley Avenue near Parthenia Street on Nov. 26, 2017, the prosecutor said. Chinchilla died and the toddler suffered serious injuries, the prosecutor added.

Case PA089981 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Valley Traffic Division.

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