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Charges Amended Against Female Driver Following LAPD Officer's Death

Prosecutors today charged a 33-year-old Pacoima woman with murder and vehicular manslaughter following last month's death of veteran LAPD Officer Christopher Cortijo, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Qaneak Shaney Cobb (dob 6/30/80) pleaded not guilty to the amended charges in case LA077444 at a morning hearing. Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Michael Kellogg set the defendant's bail at \$1 million.

Cobb returns to court on July 10 for preliminary hearing setting at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Van Nuys, Department 122.

Deputy District Attorneys Mary Murray and Garrett Dameron with the Crimes Against Peace Officers Unit are prosecuting the case.

Cobb earlier pleaded not guilty to charges including possession of cocaine following the April 5 collision. The three-count complaint further alleges that Cobb has prior convictions for grand theft and drug possession.

Officer Cortijo was stopped at a red light at Lankershim Boulevard and Saticoy Street when his motorcycle was hit from behind by a Chevy Blazer allegedly driven by Cobb. The 5:20 p.m. crash crushed the officer between two vehicles. He died four days later.

Cobb is facing 25 years to life in state prison if convicted.

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