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Man Pleads in North Hills Triple-Fatal DUI Crash Case

A 19-year-old man pleaded no contest today to killing three people when he crashed into a vehicle in North Hills while under the influence of marijuana and a benzodiazepine, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Kaveh Faturechi said Riley John Holman of Mission Hills entered the no contest pleas to three counts of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and one count of driving under the influence of a drug causing injury in case PA084081.

Holman faces more than 14 years in state prison at sentencing which is scheduled for July 8 in Department J of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch.

On Aug. 9, 2015, victim Santos Benjamin Ordonez-Baquiax, 22, was driving a Toyota Corolla near Roscoe Boulevard and Haskell Avenue when the defendant's Jeep crashed into his car. The victim's vehicle spun out and crashed against a third vehicle, the prosecutor said.

Santos Benjamin and his brother Edgar Ordonez-Baquiax, 20, who was a passenger in the car, were killed. A third passenger, Francis Olivas Oxlaj-Alvarez, 25, also died as a result of the crash. A fourth passenger in their vehicle was severely injured.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Valley Traffic Division.

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