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**Truck Driver Charged in 2015 Death of Cyclist  
Crushed by Shipping Container**

A Utah man is scheduled to be arraigned today for killing a bicyclist when a shipping container fell from his trailer and struck the victim, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Wesley Phil Blake (dob 8/16/66) was charged in case BA454465 with one felony count of vehicular manslaughter. He is expected to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorneys Richard Magleby and Seza Mikikian are prosecuting the case.

On Oct. 27, 2015, Blake was driving a truck and pulling a flatbed trailer carrying a shipping container in Carson. The container struck the bottom of a railroad bridge and was knocked loose from the trailer.

The container landed on its side, crushing 51-year-old Robert Castorena who had been riding his bicycle along the road, prosecutors said.

If convicted, Blake faces up to six years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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