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Man Charged with Murder for Fatal Car Crash in Rosemead

A 34-year-old driver pleaded not guilty today to killing his passenger on Christmas morning, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Adam Alexander Chacon (dob 11/24/83) of San Gabriel was charged with one count of murder in case KA117859. The defendant's bail was set at \$2 million.

Deputy District Attorney Douglas Baek is assigned to the case.

Prosecutors said on Dec. 25, 2017, Chacon was allegedly driving near Valley Boulevard and Brookline Avenue in Rosemead when he made an unsafe turn and crashed into a tree.

Authorities were called to the scene and Chacon and his passenger, Justin Hansen, were taken to the hospital for medical treatment, according to prosecutors. Hansen, 25, reportedly died as a result of his injuries, prosecutors added.

Law enforcement began an investigation into the crash and on May 10, prosecutors filed a case for arrest warrant. Chacon was taken into custody several days later, prosecutors said.

The defendant is scheduled to return to court on July 17 for a pre-preliminary hearing in Department N of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch.

If convicted as charged, Chacon faces a maximum possible sentence of 15 years to life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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