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Man Charged with Murder in Claremont Car Crash

A 37-year-old man accused of leaving the scene of a fatal accident pleaded not guilty today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ryan Munoz (dob 10/12/76) of Alhambra, was arraigned on one count each of murder and leaving the scene of an accident in case KA106465.

Munoz appeared before Judge Jack Hunt at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Pomona. His bail was set at \$1 million.

Deputy District Attorney Elizabeth Padilla, who is assigned to the case, said in the early morning of June 28, Munoz was driving his truck on the Westbound 210 Freeway when he crashed into another car. The driver of the hit vehicle survived, but the passenger, Gevork Krpikyan, 27, died.

Rather than render aid to the victims, Munoz fled the area, the prosecutor said. The defendant was later apprehended by police on a Claremont street. He has remained in custody since his arrest.

Munoz is scheduled to return to court July 24 for a preliminary hearing setting at the Pomona Courthouse in Department N. If convicted as charged, he faces a maximum sentence of 15 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

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