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Pasadena Man Charged with 2016 Death of Motorcyclist

An alleged car thief has been charged with the 2016 hit-and-run death of a motorcyclist in Pasadena, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Donte Antoine Fox (dob 8/24/96) of Pasadena faces one felony count each of murder, vehicular manslaughter, hit-and-run driving resulting in death, grand theft of an automobile and driving or taking a vehicle without consent.

Deputy District Attorney Ryan Erlich said the felony complaint includes allegations that Fox was convicted in 2016 of first-degree residential burglary.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges today and is due back in court on Aug. 14 in Department J of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pasadena Branch. Case GA103792 was filed on June 25.

On Oct. 6, 2016, Fox allegedly stole a Tesla Model S 85D and later crashed into motorcyclist Oscar Chavez, 60, the prosecutor said. The victim died at the scene and the defendant reportedly fled and remained at large until his arrest on June 21, the prosecutor added.

Fox faces more than 36 years to life in state prison if convicted as charged. Bail is set at more than \$2.1 million.

The case remains under investigation by the Pasadena Police Department.

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