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## **Truck Driver Charged for Crash on I-5 in Gorman Killing Six**

A commercial truck driver has been charged with the deaths of two women and four children who died last summer when the truck crashed into their disabled van on Interstate 5, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Richard Lopez (dob 2/21/47) of Walnut faces six misdemeanor counts of vehicular manslaughter and one misdemeanor count of failing to comply with California Highway Patrol rules regarding hours of service for drivers.

Lopez pleaded not guilty to the charges today and is scheduled to return for a pretrial hearing on Aug. 4 in Department S of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch. Case 7SC00100 was filed for warrant on June 27.

Connie Wu Li, 33, Flora Kuang, 33, Jayden Li, 5, Lucas Li, 3, Sky Ng, 4, and Venus Ng, 2, were in a van from Daly City that broke down and was partially blocking the right lane near Gorman School Road on June 28, 2016, prosecutors said.

When the tractor trailer Lopez was driving crashed into the van, it erupted in flames and went down an embankment, prosecutors added. According to the criminal complaint, the driver had not rested the legally mandated 10 hours after allegedly driving for more than 15 hours.

If convicted as charged, Lopez faces a possible maximum sentence of six years in jail.

The case remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

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