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**Driver Charged For Fatal Crash at Taco Stand**

A woman is facing charges for a crash that killed one person and injured two others at a taco stand in Boyle Heights last month, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Maribel Rosas (dob 9/5/81) of South Gate was charged in case BA448093 with one count each of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage causing injury and driving with .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury. She is expected to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On June 26, Rosas was driving her car when she is accused of crossing three lanes and running up a curb and crashing into a taco stand. Juan Mendez, 48, was killed and two others were injured.

Prosecutors are recommending bail be set at \$130,000. If convicted as charged, Rosas faces a possible maximum sentence of 12 years and eight months in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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