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Man Sentenced for Killing 77-Year-Old Woman in Hit-and-Run

A man was sentenced today for fatally hitting a 77-year-old woman with his vehicle and then fleeing last year in South Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Craig Richman sentenced Brandon Rosendo Mazariego, 26, of South Los Angeles to six years and six months in state prison.

Mazariego on June 28 entered an open plea to the court of no contest to one felony count of hit-and-run driving resulting in death to another person, one misdemeanor count of driving with a suspended license and one infraction for driving without evidence of financial responsibility. He also admitted allegations of a prior felony conviction and admitted violating his probation in that case.

An open plea means a sentence was not negotiated with the District Attorney's Office.

Deputy District Attorney Anastasia Sagorsky prosecuted case BA472974.

On the morning of Nov. 13, 2018, Mazariego was driving an SUV on Budlong Avenue and turned onto West 28th Street, where he struck Maria Asuncion Reynoso with his vehicle as she was crossing the street. He made no effort to stop and continued driving.

The victim, who lived a few blocks away, died of her injuries.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, South Traffic Division.

In October 2016, Mazariego was convicted of one felony count of first-degree burglary, person present, for which he was on probation when the crash occurred.

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