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## Pacoima Man Pleads to Fatal Hit-and-Run on PCH

A 27-year-old man pleaded no contest today for the hit-and-run death of a woman killed as she stood outside of her car in Malibu, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Sheetal Jhala said Pablo Oswaldo Carranza of Pacoima entered the plea to one felony count of hit-and-run driving resulting in death in case LA080566.

Sentencing has been scheduled for Aug. 24 in Department F of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch. Carranza faces one year in county jail and five years formal probation.

According to testimony at a preliminary hearing, Melanie Citalan Quiñonez, 21, died on March 10, 2015, after being struck by Carranza's vehicle on Pacific Coast Highway. The victim was standing outside of her vehicle's driver-side door after parking near Zuma View Place when she was struck, the prosecutor said. The defendant continued driving without reporting the incident, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lost Hills Station.

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