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**Woman Sentenced in Fatal Hit-and-Run
of Cyclist in Gardena**

A Gardena woman was sentenced today for killing a cyclist on El Segundo Boulevard last year and then fleeing the scene, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Philip Norris said Vanessa Marie Yanez, 24, was sentenced to two years in state prison in case YA088615.

She pleaded no contest to one count each of leaving the scene of an accident and perjury, both felonies, and misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter on Aug. 6.

Yanez hit Jesse Dotson Jr., 60, as he rode his bicycle on June 26, 2013, the prosecutor said. Dotson died from the injuries suffered in the crash.

The defendant left the scene after the crash and reported her vehicle stolen the next day, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Gardena Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.