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**Man Pleads No Contest in Death of Transient
Outside Fast Food Restaurant**

A homeless man pleaded no contest today to voluntary manslaughter for the death of another transient outside a fast food restaurant in downtown Los Angeles last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Derek Miller, 31, entered his plea and is expected to be sentenced to 11 years in state prison on Oct. 18. His co-defendant, Charles Allender, 42, is scheduled to stand trial for murder and assault on Oct. 3.

On Feb. 7, 2015, Allender and Miller are accused of attacking Derrick Hamilton, 45, in the parking lot of a fast food restaurant in the 700 block of Cesar Chavez Avenue.

Both Allender and Miller allegedly beat and stomped the victim. Hamilton was taken to a hospital where he died.

If convicted as charged, Allender faces a possible maximum sentence of 32 years to life in state prison.

Case BA433582 was investigated by the Los Angeles 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 protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.