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Venice Man Sentenced for Deadly PCH Pursuit

A 23-year-old man has pleaded no contest for leading police on a pursuit and later crashing into a landscaper walking on Pacific Coast Highway, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Melissa Opper said Kevin James Hicks of Venice entered his plea yesterday to one felony count each of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle causing death, driving or taking a vehicle without consent with a prior, assault with a deadly weapon and DUI causing injury.

Hicks also admitted causing great bodily injury. He was immediately sentenced to 14 years and four months in state prison.

On Nov. 29, 2017, the defendant drove a stolen car on PCH and led police on a pursuit after initially pulling over near Ramirez Mesa Drive. Police stopped pursuing the defendant as he drove at a high rate of speed soon before he struck Juan Castillo, 28, who was walking on the right shoulder, the prosecutor said.

Case LA087357 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lost Hills Station.

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