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Driver Indicted for Murder In LAPD Officer's Death

A 35-year-old Pacoima woman has been indicted for murder in the 2014 fatal crash that killed LAPD motorcycle Officer Christopher Cortijo, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Qaneak Shaney Cobb pleaded not guilty on Tuesday when the three-count indictment was unsealed, charging her with one count each of murder, possession of a controlled substance and gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated. She is being held on \$1 million bail in case BA435352.

Cobb is scheduled to return to court on Oct. 26 for a pretrial conference at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Van Nuys, Department G.

Deputy District Attorneys Mary Murray and Garrett Dameron with the Crimes Against Peace Officers Unit are prosecuting the case.

Cortijo, the veteran officer, was stopped at a red light behind another vehicle at Lankershim Boulevard and Saticoy Street about 5:20 p.m. on April 5, 2014, when a Chevrolet Blazer allegedly driven by Cobb hit him from behind. The crash crushed the officer between the two vehicles.

Cobb, who has prior convictions for grand theft and drug possession, was originally charged with the same counts in LA077444 filed in April 2014. With the superseding indictment, that case will now be dismissed. If convicted, she faces up to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.