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**Sunland Man Charged With  
Murder for Fatal Street Race**

A Sunland man was charged today with murder for the death of a 38-year-old woman who crashed her car during a street race, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Luis Tamayo Tapia (dob 11/9/85) faces one count of murder in case PA082338.

Arraignment is scheduled this afternoon in Department S of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch.

On Oct. 24, Claudia Perez was killed when her car hit a tree while she was engaged in a speed contest with Tapia, prosecutors said.

The recommended bail is \$1 million.

If convicted as charged, Tapia faces a maximum possible sentence of 15 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by Los Angeles Police Department, Valley Traffic Division.

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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.