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Woman Charged with Killing Bicyclist in West Covina

A 25-year-old woman was charged today after she allegedly drove under the influence of alcohol, struck a bicyclist with her vehicle and then fled the scene, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Presley Danielle Rodriguez (dob 4/23/90) of Glendora has been charged with one felony count of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated in case KA111050. The felony complaint includes a special allegation that the defendant fled the scene of the crime.

Rodriguez was scheduled to be arraigned today, but the court appearance was continued to Dec. 8 in Department F of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch. The defendant's bail was set at \$150,000.

Prosecutors said on Oct. 26 Rodriguez was reportedly driving under the influence of alcohol when she hit a bicyclist with her vehicle in West Covina.

Following the collision, the defendant allegedly fled the area, prosecutors said. However, soon after the crash, Rodriguez was arrested by an officer who happened to be near the impact, prosecutors added.

The bicyclist, Jose De Jesus Ruiz Villanueva, died at the scene, prosecutors said.

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

The case is being investigated by the West Covina 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.