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**Driver Sentenced For Fatal Hit-and-Run
of Bicyclist in Highland Park**

A 22-year-old Los Angeles man was sentenced today to nine years in state prison for the fatal hit-and-run death of a bicyclist earlier this year in Highland Park, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Alexis Virto pleaded no contest last month to one count of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated. He was sentenced today by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Scott Gordon.

On June 26 at about 3 a.m., Virto was driving northbound on Figueroa Street near Pasadena Avenue when he struck 33-year-old cyclist Jose Luna with his vehicle.

Virto was driving at a high rate of speed and the impact of the crash severed one of the victim's legs.

Prosecutors said Virto drove away with Luna on his hood for about 200 yards. Virto abandoned his car and was later arrested at his home.

Case BA437697 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department's Central 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 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.