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CORRECTION: Defendant pleaded to assault with a firearm, not to shooting at an occupied vehicle.

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Man Sentenced for Accidental Fatal Shooting of Friend at Tarzana Hiking Trail

A 21-year-old man pleaded no contest today to accidentally killing a 24-year-old woman near a Tarzana hiking trail, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Heriberto Gonzalez, aka Kirby, of Reseda entered the plea to one felony count each of involuntary manslaughter and assault with a firearm, and admitted the handgun use allegations.

Deputy District Attorney Brad Harmon said Gonzalez was immediately sentenced to eight years in state prison.

On Dec. 4, 2016, Gonzalez and a group of friends, which included victim Angela Hernandez, were at a hiking trail near Vanalden Avenue to shoot a handgun, the prosecutor said. After returning to their vehicle, the defendant accidentally discharged the firearm, fatally shooting the victim who was sitting in the front passenger seat, the prosecutor added.

Gonzalez's plea also includes an unrelated incident in which he shot at a car near Sherman Way and Haskell Avenue on Sept. 19, 2016.

Case LA084913 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Valley Bureau.

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