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Man Sentenced to Prison for Fatally Striking Pedestrian

A 33-year-old man was sentenced yesterday to 18 years in state prison for hitting a pedestrian with his car and then fleeing the area, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Oct. 27, defendant David Lee Player Jr. (dob 1/27/82) of Los Angeles pleaded no contest to a felony count of gross vehicular manslaughter in case TA137827.

Additionally, the defendant admitted special allegations of fleeing the scene of the accident and that he was previously convicted of a serious felony.

Deputy District Attorney Drew Josfan, who prosecuted the case, said on Feb. 4, 2014, Player was driving at excessive speeds in a South Los Angeles residential area when he hit a dip and lost control of his car.

The victim, Jerry Arredondo Jr., was standing near his vehicle when he was struck by Player's car, the prosecutor said.

The force was so strong, the victim was propelled into a tree and then ultimately landed on the ground. Arredondo, 19, died on impact, the prosecutor added.

After striking the victim, Player's car deflected off of several other vehicles before it finally came to a rest. Player then fled the scene, according to the prosecutor.

The defendant's DNA, as well as personal belongings left at the scene, linked Player to the fatal crash, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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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.