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**Man Pleads to Causing Drug-Related Death in Santa Clarita**

A 38-year-old man pleaded no contest today to involuntary manslaughter for the death of a Santa Clarita man who was found dead from a drug overdose in his apartment, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Illions said Tommy Loaiza of Acton also admitted he was convicted in 1995 of second-degree robbery.

Loaiza will face eight years in state prison at a sentencing hearing scheduled for Dec. 18 in Department N of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch.

The defendant supplied heroin to Kahlil Banks, 42, who was found dead from an overdose on May 21 inside his apartment on the 28000 block of Sarabande Lane, the prosecutor said. After the victim overdosed, Loaiza left him for dead, the prosecutor added.

Case PA083621 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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