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**Elderly Driver to Be Arraigned for
Death of 14-Year-Old Pedestrian in Santa Clarita**

A 74-year-old man is scheduled to appear in court tomorrow after being charged with causing the death of a teenage boy as he crossed the street on a marked crosswalk in Santa Clarita earlier this year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ralph August Steger (dob 10/21/41) of Canyon Country faces one misdemeanor count of vehicular manslaughter and one infraction each of unsafe speed and failure to stop at a red light. Case 5NW02799 was filed on Nov. 3.

Arraignment is scheduled in Department 3 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Santa Clarita Branch.

On July 16, victim Wyatt S., 14, was crossing the street in a marked crosswalk near Bouquet Canyon and Seco Canyon roads when the defendant allegedly failed to stop at the red light and struck the boy who was pronounced dead at the scene, prosecutors said.

If convicted as charged, Steger faces one year in county jail and \$1,000 fine.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clarita Station.

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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.