

*Jackie Lacey*  
District Attorney  
<http://da.lacounty.gov>



NEWS RELEASE

**Media Contact:**

Ricardo Santiago  
Public Information Officer  
213-257-2000  
[RSantiago@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:RSantiago@da.lacounty.gov)  
Twitter: @LADAOoffice

Dec. 14, 2017

## **Venice Man Charged with Deadly PCH Pursuit**

A 22-year-old man has been charged with leading police on a pursuit and later crashing into a landscaper walking on Pacific Coast Highway, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Paul Seo said Kevin James Hicks (dob 6/22/95) faces one felony count each of vehicular manslaughter, fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle causing death and driving or taking a vehicle without consent with a prior and one misdemeanor count of driving when privilege suspended or revoked.

The criminal complaint alleges Hicks was convicted earlier this year of grand theft auto in Kern County.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch. Case LA087357 was filed on Dec. 7.

On Nov. 29, Hicks is charged with driving a stolen Mazda 6 on PCH and then leading police on a pursuit after initially pulling over near Ramirez Mesa Drive. Police allegedly stopped pursuing the defendant as he drove at a high rate of speed soon before crashing into Juan Castillo, 28, who was walking on the right shoulder, the prosecutor said.

If convicted as charged, Hicks faces a possible maximum sentence of 12 years and 10 months in state prison. Bail is set at \$180,000.

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

[About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#)

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 protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.