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Redondo Beach Woman Charged in DUI Deaths of Four Including 6-Year-Old Boy

A Redondo Beach woman was charged today with plowing into a crowd of pedestrians killing four people, including a 6-year-old boy, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Marilyn Seymour said Margo Julie Bronstein (dob 12/15/58) is facing four felony counts of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and one felony count of driving under the influence of a drug causing injury.

Arraignment is scheduled today but may be postponed in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch.

The felony complaint for case YA091730 names a total of nine victims and includes several great bodily injury allegations.

On Dec. 17, Bronstein allegedly swerved around vehicles stopped at a red light near Pacific Coast Highway and Vincent Street in Redondo Beach and then crossed the red light, the prosecutor said. The car then ran into a group crossing the street as they left St. James Catholic Church killing Martha Gaza, 36, and her son Samuel Gaza, 6, Mary Anne Wilson, 81, and Saeko Matsumura, 87, the prosecutor added.

Seymour said she's requesting that the defendant be held on \$500,000 bail.

If convicted as charged, Bronstein faces approximately 40 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Redondo Beach Police Department.

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