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## **Distracted Driver Pleads to Fatally Hitting Pedestrian While Texting**

A woman has entered a no contest plea for fatally hitting a pedestrian with her vehicle while she was allegedly texting and driving a year ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Rosario Maximilia Valdezinda, 39, of East Hollywood entered the plea yesterday to one felony count of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence in case BA474586.

Sentencing is scheduled on Feb. 19 in Department 123 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. Valdezinda faces probation or up to two years in state prison to be determined by the California Department of Corrections, as a result of the plea.

On the night of Jan. 23, 2019, the defendant was texting while driving on West Sixth Street in Los Angeles, prosecutors said. She hit Yong Do Kim, 65, with her SUV as he was crossing the roadway in a crosswalk at South Grand View Street.

The victim died of his injuries.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Central Traffic Division.

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