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Driver Sentenced For Fatal Hit-and-Run in Echo Park

A 27-year-old man has been sentenced to four years in state prison for killing a teen and injuring another as he drove in Echo Park last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

In an open plea to the court, Sang Won Jung entered no contest pleas yesterday to one count each of felony vehicular manslaughter, felony hit-and-run resulting in death or injury and misdemeanor false report of a crime.

An open plea is a plea that was not negotiated with prosecutors.

Following victim impact statements, he was sentenced to four years in prison by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Laura Priver. Jung was ordered to surrender on April 15 to begin serving his sentence.

On June 12, 2015, Jung was driving in Echo Park about 10 p.m. when he struck a 15-year-old boy and the victim's cousin at the intersection of Alvarado and Montrose streets. Jung fled the scene after the collision.

Both teens were taken to a hospital. The younger victim was treated for his injuries and released. The 15 year old died two days later.

The day after the crash, Jung went to a Los Angeles police substation and claimed he lent the car to someone else who had been in an accident. Police went to a body shop where Jung's car was located and he was arrested shortly thereafter.

Case BA437952 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department's Central Traffic Division.

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