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## Driver Who Allegedly Hit Jogger Charged

A West Covina man was charged with murder today after he allegedly fatally hit a jogger in Walnut, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Haissam Massalkhy (dob 4/12/79) is scheduled to be arraigned after 1:30 p.m. today in Department N at the Pomona Branch of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$1 million in case KA111845.

Deputy District Attorney Casey Jarvis is prosecuting the case.

Massalkhy is charged with one count of murder for the Feb. 15 death of Chi Shao, who was killed near Walnut as he was running in a bike lane. Massalkhy allegedly was driving the vehicle that hit Shao shortly before 6 a.m. in the 20200 block of Barnard Avenue. The complaint includes the allegation that Massalkhy personally used a deadly weapon, an automobile.

If convicted, Massalkhy faces up to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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