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Man Charged With Killing Pedestrian in Long Beach During Police Pursuit

A man has been charged with the murder of a pedestrian he allegedly struck during a police chase in Long Beach earlier this week, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Jyvante West (dob 10/27/93) was charged yesterday in case NA114553 with one count each of murder, animal cruelty, fleeing a pursuing peace officer's vehicle causing death, second-degree burglary and sale/transport of marijuana.

His arraignment was postponed to June 12 in Department SO1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch.

Deputy District Attorney Brittany Vannoy of the DUI Training and Prosecution Section is prosecuting the case.

On May 26, West is accused of stealing marijuana from a warehouse in Long Beach. When police arrived, the defendant allegedly fled in a vehicle and led police on a chase through various parts of Long Beach.

At one point, West is accused of running a red light and striking and killing Jose Hernandez, 32, and his dog, as they walked across the street. West later crashed the vehicle and he was arrested.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison.

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

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