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**Suge Knight Pleads No Contest for 2015 Fatal Hit-and-Run**

Marion “Suge” Knight pleaded no contest today to running over a man and killing him in a restaurant parking lot three years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office announced.

Knight (dob 4/19/65) entered his plea to one count of voluntary manslaughter and admitted a special allegation that he used a deadly weapon, a truck.

In exchange for his plea, the former rap mogul is expected to be sentenced to 28 years in state prison on Oct. 4 in Department 101 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney Cynthia Barnes of the Major Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

On Jan. 29, 2015, an altercation occurred outside a Compton restaurant and Knight ran over two men with his truck. Terry Carter, 55, was killed and the other man was injured. Knight, who at the time was out on bail in a robbery case, fled the scene but was later arrested.

Under the sentencing guidelines, Knight would receive the high-term of 11 years in prison for the voluntary manslaughter count, which would double because he has a prior conviction under California’s three strikes law. He also would receive an additional five years because the conviction was for a serious and violent felony and a year for the deadly weapon allegation.

By entering his plea, Knight also will resolve two other pending criminal cases. Knight was indicted for making criminal threats in August 2014. He also was charged for allegedly stealing a camera from a woman in September 2014.

Those charges would be dismissed by a judge at sentencing.

Case TA136401 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

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