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Man Sentenced for Killing 5-Year-Old Boy in Hit-and-Run

A 21-year-old man was sentenced today for a hit-and-run crash that killed a 5-year-old boy last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Mildred Escobedo sentenced Homer Watford of Los Angeles to 365 days in jail as time served and three years of probation under an open plea to the court. The defendant also was ordered to pay \$7,500 in restitution to the victim's family.

Watford pleaded no contest on Nov. 15, 2017, over the objections of the prosecution, to one felony count of hit-and-run driving resulting in death to another person and one misdemeanor count of driving when privilege suspended or revoked after a prior offense.

On March 14, 2017, Watford ran over the boy in front of the child's residence in South Los Angeles and continued driving without rendering aid. The next day, the defendant turned himself in to police.

Case BA455914 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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