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Woman Pleads Guilty for Leading Police in Pursuit with RV

A woman who led police on a pursuit while driving an RV with two dogs inside a year ago has pleaded guilty to six felony counts, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Julie Ann Rainbird aka Julie Ann Fehlman (dob 6/4/66) of Santa Clarita pleaded guilty to two counts each of hit-and-run driving resulting in serious injury to another person, animal cruelty and driving under the influence of a drug causing injury; and one count each of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle causing serious bodily injury and assault with a deadly weapon causing great bodily injury.

Case PA092808 included allegations of causing great bodily injury and a prior conviction for multiple identifying information theft in 2015.

Rainbird was immediately sentenced yesterday to eight years, eight months in state prison with a lifetime ban from driving a vehicle.

On May 21, 2019, Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies attempted to detain Rainbird at her RV near The Old Road and Calgrove Boulevard in Valencia when she started the vehicle and fled. During the pursuit, the defendant rammed into several vehicles, causing injuries to the drivers, prosecutors said.

The pursuit ended with a crash in Tarzana where one of her dogs also was injured, prosecutors added.

The case was investigated by the California Highway Patrol, Newhall Station.

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