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Driver Charged with Fatally Hitting Pedestrian While Texting

A woman was charged today with fatally hitting a pedestrian with her vehicle while she was allegedly texting and driving last week, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Rosario Maximilia Valdezinda (dob 2/28/80) of East Hollywood faces one felony count of vehicular manslaughter in case BA474586.

She is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On the night of Jan. 23, Valdezinda allegedly was texting on her smartphone while driving on West Sixth Street in Los Angeles, prosecutors said. She is accused of hitting Yong Do Kim, 65, with her SUV as he was crossing the roadway in a crosswalk at South Grand View Street.

The victim died of his injuries.

Valdezinda faces a possible maximum sentence of six years in state prison if convicted as charged.

Prosecutors are requesting that bail be set at \$50,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Central Traffic Division.

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