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**San Diego Man Charged with Death of Motorcyclist
in Wrong Way DUI Crash**

An alleged DUI driver has been charged with the death of a motorcyclist on the 405 Freeway in Torrance, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Gabriel Anthony Fajardo (dob 2/4/96) of San Diego faces one felony count each of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage causing injury and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury.

The criminal complaint includes allegations that Fajardo inflicted great bodily injury upon the victim, Nicholas Phillip Mann, 57. Case YA097650 was filed yesterday.

Arrest is scheduled today in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch.

On Feb. 4, Fajardo was allegedly driving his pickup truck northbound in the carpool lane of the southbound 405 Freeway near Artesia Boulevard when he crashed into Mann, prosecutors said.

Bail is set at \$330,000. The defendant faces 10 years in state prison if convicted as charged.

The case remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol, South Los Angeles Station.

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