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Compton Man Sentenced for Fatal DUI Car Crash

A Compton man was sentenced today to 20 years to life in state prison for killing a motorcyclist while driving drunk on the 105 Freeway, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jose Corona, 32, was sentenced by Judge Laura Walton at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Compton. The defendant also was ordered to pay \$20,000 in restitution fees to cover the funeral expenses for the victim, Kyle Silva, 22.

Corona was convicted by a jury Feb. 28 of second-degree murder, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, leaving the scene of an accident, and driving while license is suspended/revoked.

Deputy District Attorney Drew Josfan said on Jan. 9, 2013, at about 10:30 p.m., Corona was driving westbound on the 105 Freeway when his vehicle swerved into the carpool lane and fatally struck Silva, who was riding a motorcycle.

Instead of stopping after the crash, the defendant continued driving. An off-duty deputy sheriff saw the collision, followed Corona on the 105 Freeway and alerted the California Highway Patrol.

Just east of the 405 Freeway, the defendant abruptly stopped his car, the prosecutor said. CHP approached the vehicle and discovered Corona asleep at the wheel.

The defendant was immediately taken into custody and it was discovered that his blood alcohol level was .15 percent, according to evidence presented during the trial.

It was testified in court that Corona had two prior DUIs from 2003 and 2010. Furthermore, at the time of the car crash, the defendant was on probation for a DUI.

The case was investigated by the California Highway Patrol and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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