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ALCALA SENTENCED IN HIT AND RUN

A man who pled guilty in a hit and run case was sentenced today. The victim, Bernie Friedman, was struck by a vehicle as she was crossing Colfax Avenue at Quitman Street, and died two weeks later from her injuries.

Pablo Alcala (dob: 10-15-56) has been sentenced today to two years in the Department of Corrections for *leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death* (F2), and two years in County Jail for *driving under revocation, second offense* (M). The sentences will be served concurrently in the Department of Corrections, after which Alcala will serve three years of parole.

Friedman, who was 79 years old, was represented at today's hearing by her husband and daughter. She was an active leader in the Jewish community, and was planning her granddaughter's bat mitzvah at the time of the incident.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. *See* Colo. RPC 3.6