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ALCALA PLEADS GUILTY

A man accused of killing a 79-year-old woman in a fatal hit and run crash last October has pleaded guilty in connection with the case. Berdie Friedman was hit as she was crossing Colfax Avenue at Quitman Street on October 17, 2006 and died two weeks later from her injuries.

Pablo Alcala (dob: 10-15-56) pleaded guilty today to *leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death* (F4) and *driving under revocation, second offense* (M). Two other traffic charges were dismissed in exchange for the guilty plea.

Alcala was turning onto westbound Colfax from Quitman at about 5 p.m. on a snowy evening when he struck Friedman. The charges alleged that Alcala carried Friedman to a nearby bus shelter and then fled the scene after letting her use his cell phone to call her husband.

Alcala is scheduled to be sentenced on July 19, 2007 at 8:30 in Denver District Courtroom 13.