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GUILTY PLEAS IN VEHICULAR HOMICIDE CASE

Three people charged in connection with a fatal January crash that killed 21-year-old Jose Medina have pleaded guilty today.

Norma Vera-Nolasco (dob: 06-28-79) pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide (F3). She faces up to 12 years in prison when she is sentenced on September 19, 2011.

Guadalupe Bastida (dob: 11-12-62) and **Yolanda Bastida-Nolasco** (dob: 03-10-67) pleaded guilty to one count each of aiding escape (M1). They face a sentence to probation when they are sentenced. Bastida is set for sentencing on July 18, 2011 and Bastida-Nolasco is set for sentencing on August 15, 2011.

Eliu Montes-Garcia (dob: 09-13-92) is charged with leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death (F3), vehicular homicide (F4) and two counts of accessory to crime (F5). He remains in custody; his bond is set at \$150,000. He has pleaded not guilty and is scheduled for trial later this summer.

The charges alleged that on January 22, 2011, Vera-Nolasco was driving drunk when she ran into the victim at 9th and Lincoln and then fled the scene. The charges further alleged that Montes-Garcia, Bastida-Nolasco and Bastida destroyed evidence, helped hide the vehicle and helped Vera-Nolasco flee the state.