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MAN SENTENCED IN HIT/RUN CRASH

A 22-year-old man who pleaded guilty to causing and fleeing from a fatal crash at Federal Boulevard and Alameda Avenue last February has been sentenced today to the maximum sentence.

Jesus Armenta (dob: 08-27-89) pleaded guilty earlier to vehicular homicide (F4) and was sentenced today to 6 years in prison and was ordered to pay \$14,120.00 in restitution.

Just more than a year ago, on February 11, 2012, Armenta was traveling southbound on Federal Boulevard at a high rate of speed and collided with a Dodge Neon near Alameda Avenue. The collision caused the Neon to cross into the northbound lanes of Federal where it was struck by another vehicle. The driver of the Neon, 80-year-old Maximinio Gallegos was seriously injured. His wife, 74-year-old Carmelita Gallegos, was also hurt and later died from her injuries.

Armenta fled the scene but was identified and arrested a short time later. He will face deportation once his prison sentence is served.