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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN SENTENCED IN VEHICULAR HOMICIDE**

The man accused of striking and killing an 11-year-old boy earlier this year in a hit/run crash was sentenced today in Denver District Court.

**Oswaldo Lopez** (dob: 08-26-92) pleaded guilty to *vehicular homicide- reckless driving* (F4) earlier this year. The judge sentenced him to the maximum possible sentence under the plea, which was 6 years in the department of corrections.

On February 16, 2014, Lopez was driving northbound on Federal Boulevard near Colfax Avenue at a high rate of speed when he struck 11-year-old Michael Espinoza, who did not survive his injuries. Lopez continued to drive away without stopping or rendering aid. He was later arrested based on the license plate number recorded at the scene.

After emotional statements from both families, Lopez apologized to the Espinoza family for his actions.

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