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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **GUILTY PLEA IN FATAL HOV LANE CRASH**

A 27-year-old woman accused of causing a fatal crash on August 31, 2013 in the HOV lanes north of Park Avenue has pleaded guilty in connection with the case today.

**Rebecca Maez** (dob: 03-01-86) pleaded guilty to *vehicular homicide* (F3) and *vehicular assault* (F4).

Maez was driving drunk when she drove the wrong direction in the HOV lanes in the early morning hours of August 31, 2013 and crashed into another vehicle. The crash seriously injured the driver of that vehicle and killed 34-year-old Jennifer Friede, who was a passenger.

Maez, who has been released from custody on a \$60,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in Denver District Courtroom 5C on May 23, 2014, at 1 p.m. for a sentencing hearing. She faces up to 36 years in prison.