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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAEZ SENTENCED IN FATAL HOV LANE CRASH**

A 28-year-old woman accused of causing a fatal crash on August 31, 2013 in the HOV lanes north of Park Avenue has been sentenced in connection with the case today, in a courtroom full of friends and family of both the victims and the defendant.

**Rebecca Maez** (dob: 03-01-86) pleaded guilty earlier to *vehicular homicide* (F3) and *vehicular assault* (F4). She appeared in Denver District Court today and following lengthy testimony by family and friends, including emotional statements from surviving victim Jeremy Depinto and the defendant herself, Denver District Court Judge Eric Elliff sentenced Maez to 10 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections.

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 the vehicle, Depinto, and killed 34-year-old Jenny Friede, his passenger, and as he told the court today, his soulmate.

Maez, who accepted full responsibility for her actions and apologized, has been out of custody on bond. She was taken from the courtroom in handcuffs to begin her prison sentence.