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**MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN VEHICULAR HOMICIDE DEATH OF
DENVER POST REPORTER**

A man charged with vehicular homicide after a crash in August 2016 which resulted in the death of 60-year-old Colleen O'Connor, a reporter with The Denver Post, pleaded guilty today to one count of vehicular homicide-reckless driving (F4) and one count of driving under the influence (M).

Jesus Carreno (dob: 02-27-1993) faces a sentence ranging from probation to two to six years in prison. If the Court grants probation, under the terms of the plea agreement, the Court would sentence him to a prison sentence for at least 126 days and then reconsider him to probation.

On the evening of August 31, 2016, Carreno was driving eastbound on Speer Boulevard when he fatally struck Ms. O'Connor at the corner of East 1st Avenue and Downing Street. Several blocks later Carreno stopped and called police to report the crash. Upon investigation, it was determined alcohol was a factor. He was subsequently charged with one count of vehicular homicide-DUI (F3) and one count of vehicular homicide-reckless driving (F4). An additional charge, one count of driving under the influence (M) was added in connection with the plea.

Mr. Carreno will be sentenced on March 3, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. courtroom 4H.