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Adrian Valdez-Refugio Receives Prison Sentence for Hit-and-Run Crash that Killed an Uber Passenger (Valdez-Refugio)

DENVER—After pleading guilty last November to a hit-and-run crash that killed an Uber passenger and injured the driver, Adrian Valdez Refugio (age 21) was sentenced this week. The Denver District Attorney's Office announces that Valdez-Refugio will serve 12 years with the Department of Corrections and five years of parole.

[Valdez-Refugio pleaded guilty](#) as charged to one count of vehicular homicide—DUI (F3) and to one count of leaving the scene of an accident involving death (F3).

On the morning of September 17, 2017, Valdez-Refugio was involved in a two-car crash at the location of E. 14th Avenue and Franklin Street that resulted in the injury of the Uber driver and the death of his male passenger, 37-year-old Maroun Khater. Valdez-Refugio fled the scene of the accident on foot and was arrested later at his residence. His blood alcohol content (bac) was extrapolated to be .11 - .12 at the time of the crash.