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## **OREGON MAN TO RECEIVE 6 YEARS FOR VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on June 7, 2017 Andrew Bennett, age 31, entered a plea of no contest to felony vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence.

On October 25, 2016 Bennett was driving a motorcycle on North Main Street in Salinas. Bennett was observed driving recklessly and speeding by other drivers in the area. Bennett ran a red light at the intersection of North Main Street and Harden Parkway and struck the victim, Gabriela Beas, as she was crossing the street. Beas struck her head and was fatally injured.

Bennett was arrested at the scene and treated for injuries at Natividad Medical Center. Toxicology reports showed that Bennett had a small amount of marijuana in his blood at the time of the collision.

Bennett will receive a sentence of 6 years, which is the maximum term for this charge, to be served in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. He is scheduled to be sentenced on July 5, 2017, before Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu.

The case was investigated by the Salinas Police Department.