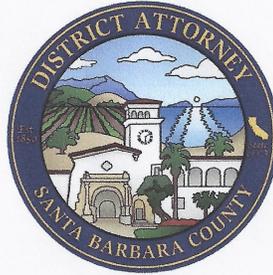


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**Re: People v. Alvino Corona**

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced that on May 9, 2013, Alvino Corona pled guilty to the felony gross vehicular manslaughter of Frank Diaz, Jr. Corona admitted a special allegation for fleeing the scene of a crime after committing gross vehicular manslaughter and leaving the scene of an injury accident. Corona also pled to being an unlicensed driver and not having proof of insurance.

In addition, Alvino Corona pled to a misdemeanor count for fleeing the scene of an accident where the victim's dog, Billy, was killed.

This crime occurred shortly after 7:00 p.m. on February 5, 2013, when Frank Diaz, Jr., was walking his dog near Blosser and Canal Streets in Santa Maria. He was struck and killed by Corona, who was driving his automobile and speeding between 79-86 mph in a 45 mph zone.

Alvino Corona will be sentenced by the Honorable Judge Rick Brown on May 16, 2013. Judge Brown has the option of sentencing the defendant to state prison or 5 years of formal probation. If sentenced to prison, Corona faces 7, 9, or 11 years behind bars.

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