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Drunk Driver who Killed Pedestrian Sentenced to Seven Years in Prison

Juan Capetillo Vega was sentenced to seven years in prison Friday for vehicular homicide-DUI in the death of a woman he hit while she was crossing the street last year in Aurora.

Vega (DOB 02/05/64) struck 29-year-old Madeline Robinson while she was crossing the street at E. Montview Boulevard and N. Dayton Street in Aurora at about 10:30 p.m. on September 4, 2016. He had just left a bar before hitting Robinson and drove off after doing so. He told Aurora police that he had been drinking since 4:30 p.m. that day and admitted to being "pretty drunk." His blood alcohol content was 0.191.

Vega pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide-DUI (F3) on January 13. He had one prior DUI conviction in Texas in 1988.

"No matter what sentence the court imposes, Mr. Vega will one day have the chance to positively impact those around him simply by his presence. Ms. Robinson will never get that opportunity, and that is a direct result of the defendant's decision to drink and drive," Deputy District Attorney Todd Bluth said at the sentencing hearing.

"This case is a stark reminder of the tragic consequences that can happen when a person makes the decision to drink and drive," said District Attorney Dave Young.

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