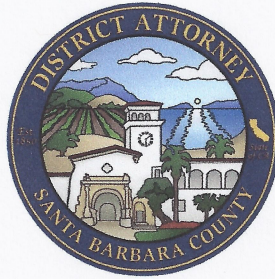


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**Re: *The People of the State of California v. Kelsi Lynn Sullivan***

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that charges have been filed against Santa Maria resident Kelsi Lynn Sullivan in connection with the death of Leticia Hernandez Sanchez.

On June 29, 2013, 15-year-old Leticia Hernandez Sanchez was struck and killed by a car driven by Sullivan. The complaint alleges one count of vehicular manslaughter, a misdemeanor.

Generally, under California Penal Code section 192(c)(2), misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter occurs when a death results from the negligent operation of a motor vehicle. In this case the alleged negligent act by Ms. Sullivan was failing to yield the right of way to a pedestrian in an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, as required by Vehicle Code section 21950(a). There was no evidence that Kelsi Sullivan was under the influence of any intoxicating substances.

Arraignment is scheduled for September 3, 2013, in Santa Maria Superior Court, Dept. 9.

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