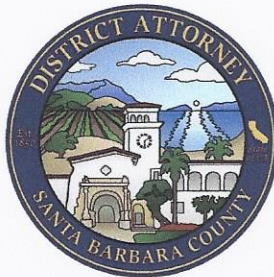


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Re: People v. Jose Luis Diaz

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that 3 felony charges were filed against Jose Luis Diaz, AKA Jose Morales and AKA Luis Diaz, in connection with a traffic fatality occurring on Friday, November 8, 2013 at the intersection of Highways 154 and 246.

Diaz was specifically charged with Gross Vehicular Homicide While Intoxicated (Penal Code section 191.5(a)), Driving Under the Influence Causing Injury (Vehicle Code section 23153(a)), with the enhancement of Infliction of Great Bodily Injury (Penal Code section 12022.7(a)), and Felony Hit and Run When the Accident Results in Death (Vehicle Code section 20001(c)).

The complaint alleges that Diaz failed to yield to oncoming traffic when he attempted a left turn onto Highway 246 from Highway 154. During the turn, Diaz struck Mr. Joseph Corcoran who was driving his motorcycle south on Highway 154. It is further alleged that at the time of the collision Diaz was under the influence of alcohol and he fled the scene.

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