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Luis Silva Echeverria-Navarete charged with manslaughter following a fatal hit and run in N. Portland on November 26, 2017

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced the filing of a four count charging document against 22-year-old Luis Silva Echeverria-Navarete for recklessly causing the death of 24-year-old Daniel Rasmey III on November 26, 2017 in North Portland and then fleeing the scene.

Echeverria-Navarete is charged with one count of manslaughter in the first degree, one count of failing to perform the duties of a driver, one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants and one count of reckless driving.

According to court documents, a vehicle struck Mr. Rasmey as he attempted to cross North Fessenden Street at North Alma Avenue. While crossing the street, Mr. Rasmey was holding hands with a female. The impact of the crash ripped apart their grip. The female was not physically injured in the crash. The driver of the vehicle, later determined to be Echeverria-Navarete, never stopped and fled the scene, according to court documents. The crash remained an active investigation for the Portland Police Bureau's Major Crash Team.

On January 9, 2020 the lead PPB investigator on this case met with a person who provided the officer information regarding the identity of the driver responsible for a hit and run crash on November 26, 2017, according to court documents.

The person told police that on January 3, 2020 she hosted a gathering at her residence with her roommate and friends, according to court documents. One of the friends brought Echeverria-Navarete as a guest.

During the course of the evening, Echeverria-Navarete made statements about his involvement in a fatal crash in Portland a couple of years ago, according to a probable cause affidavit.

According to court documents: the individual hosting the party decided to record Echeverria-Navarete without his knowledge and captured him making statements about a hit and run. Echeverria-Navarete alluded to the fact that he was previously involved in a crash where he was intoxicated while driving a BMW and taking his girlfriend back to Hillsboro.

Echeverria-Navarete struggled with the idea of turning himself in when the host suggested he do so, according to court documents.

During this investigation, law enforcement confirmed that on November 26, 2017, Echeverria-Navarete was involved in a crash in Hillsboro near the intersection of Northeast Jackson School Road and Northeast State Drive, according to court documents. The crash in Hillsboro involving Echeverria-Navarete occurred one hour and nine minutes after the crash on North Fessenden Street in Portland.

The vehicle involved in the Hillsboro crash matched the vehicle from the Portland hit and run investigation as a 1997-1998 BMW, according to court documents. The Oregon State Police Crime Lab determined that in the Hillsboro case, Echeverria-Navarete's blood alcohol content was .17%.

On January 9, 2020, Hillsboro Police located and detained Echeverria-Navarete. His girlfriend was in the vehicle at the time of the traffic stop, according to court documents. She told police that on November 26, 2017, she was highly intoxicated and was asleep in the vehicle when she heard a large thud, which woke her up. She told police she knew there was a collision and described Echeverria-Navarete was panicking, according to court documents.

This case is being investigated by the Portland Police Bureau's Major Crash Team.

Like in all criminal and civil matters, electronic copies of court documents, which are not subject to a protective order, are available to the public through the Oregon eCourt Information (OECI) system.

No additional information can be released by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office at this time pursuant to the Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct.

A charging document is only an accusation of a crime. Echeverria-Navarete is innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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