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**Santa Barbara Man Sentenced to State Prison for Fatal Hit-and-Run**

***Re: People v. Brock Hoffman***

***Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 24CR07018***

**SANTA BARBARA, Calif., December 17, 2025** - Santa Barbara County District Attorney John T. Savrnoch announced today that Brock Hoffman of Santa Barbara was sentenced to two years in state prison. On November 3, 2025, the defendant pled guilty to a felony violation of Vehicle Code section 20001(b)(2), leaving the scene of an accident that resulted in death or serious permanent injury.

The charge stems from a fatal collision on June 29, 2024, on Cliff Drive in Santa Barbara. On this date, the defendant struck Juan Lopez with his vehicle resulting in Mr. Lopez's death. The defendant then fled the scene of the collision.

District Attorney John Savrnoch stated, "The defendant was held accountable in this case due to the outstanding work, dedication, and collaboration between the Santa Barbara Police Department and the prosecution team led by Deputy District Attorney Michelle Mossembekker. The pain associated with this tragic loss of life was exacerbated by the defendant's criminal decision to leave the scene without contacting the authorities or attempting to render aid."

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