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Parolee Arraigned in Alleged Hit and Run Fatality in Washington Park



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that JOSE MARTINEZ, 30, of Albany, was arraigned before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

An Albany County Grand Jury previously handed up an indictment charging MARTINEZ with (1) Count of Manslaughter in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, (1) Count of Leaving the Scene of an Incident Which Results in Death Without Reporting, a Class D Felony, (1) Count of Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree, a Class D Felony, (1) Count of Aggravated

Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the Third Degree, a Misdemeanor, and (1) Count of Leaving the Scene of an Incident Which Results in Property Damage Without Reporting, a Traffic Infraction.

The indictment alleges that on February 4, 2017, at approximately 4:00 A.M., MARTINEZ was allegedly driving recklessly in the area of Washington Park in the City of Albany and caused the death of another person by crashing into them, then fleeing the scene. Following an investigation by members of the Albany Police Department, MARTINEZ was arrested.

At the time of the alleged incident MARTINEZ was on parole for an unrelated drug sale conviction.

MARTINEZ pleaded not guilty to the charges today and was remanded into custody without bail. No new court appearance dates have been scheduled at this time.

Assistant District Attorney Michael Shanley of the Vehicular Crimes Unit is prosecuting this case.

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All charged individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.