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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAXIMUM PRISON SENTENCE FOR VEHICULAR HOMICIDE**

A man who pleaded guilty earlier this year to the vehicular homicide of a 45-year-old woman has been sentenced to the maximum prison term.

**Cesar Acosta-Castillo** (12-20-77) appeared in Denver District Court this afternoon and was sentenced to 12 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections. He had pleaded guilty earlier to vehicular homicide, a class 3 felony.

On September 9, 2009, Acosta-Castillo was driving drunk when he struck a vehicle near Monaco Parkway and 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, then failed to stop after the accident and eventually collided with a second car driven by Leah Miller, who later died as the result of injuries sustained in the crash.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorneys Andrew Baum and Rebekah Melnick. In arguing for the maximum sentence, Baum noted Acosta-Castillo had made a series of choices that led to Miller's death including his choice to commit repeated cases of driving of the under influence.