

## **BCPO** News

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## Man Sentenced for Leaving Pemberton Fatal Accident Scene

Burlington County Prosecutor LaChia L. Bradshaw announced that a 27-year-old Camden man was sentenced to five years in New Jersey state prison for leaving the scene of a fatal accident last year after the sport utility vehicle he was driving collided with an oncoming car, killing the other motorist.

The sentence was handed down earlier this week in Superior Court in Mount Holly to Christopher Robles by the Hon. Philip J. Haines, J.S.C. Under an agreement with the Prosecutor's Office, Robles pled guilty last month to Leaving the Scene of a Fatal Accident (Second Degree) in exchange for the five-year term.

The investigation began just after midnight on August 17, 2022 when officers from the Pemberton Township Police Department were dispatched to North Pemberton Road for a report of a collision involving two vehicles.

Upon arrival, officers discovered that one of the drivers, 68-year-old Carmen Gonzalez of Sayreville, had been killed by the impact. The driver of the other vehicle could not be located. The subsequent investigation identified Robles as the driver who had fled. He has been in the Burlington County Jail in Mount Holly since being arrested in September.

The investigation determined that the collision occurred after Gonzalez's vehicle crossed the center line and struck the vehicle being driven by Robles.

Robles was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecutor Joshua Dennis, supervisor of the BCPO Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Unit.

The investigation was conducted by Pemberton Township Police Department and the Prosecutor's Office, with assistance from the Evesham Township Police Department, New Hanover Police Department and the New Jersey State Police. The lead investigators were Pemberton Township Detective Shannon Sawyer, who has since become a member of the Prosecutor's Office, and BCPO Detective Kevin Sobotka.