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**QUEENS MOTORIST CHARGED WITH LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN INCIDENT
IN WHICH A 77-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WAS KILLED**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a 58-year-old Flushing woman has been charged with leaving the scene of an incident in which a 77-year-old woman was killed as she crossed the street yesterday morning on Parsons Boulevard in Flushing, Queens. The victim was going home after attending morning services at her neighborhood church.

District Attorney Brown said, "A woman - the mother of four adult children - was run over and killed yesterday morning. Drivers must always be cautious when operating a nearly two ton vehicle and to be mindful of pedestrians at every turn to prevent such tragedies from happening."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Geum Min, 58, of 140th Street, in Flushing, Queens. Min was arraigned this afternoon before Queens Criminal Court Judge Ushir Pandit-Durant on a complaint charging her with leaving the scene of an incident without reporting/death, right of way and drivers to exercise due care. Judge Pandit-Durant permitted supervised release for the defendant and ordered her to return to court on February 1, 2018. If convicted, Min faces up to seven years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the criminal charges, Min was driving a black 2016 Toyota Corolla eastbound on Wednesday morning at approximately 7:01 am, when she allegedly struck the victim, 77-year-old Jum Sim Yim, when she made the turn onto Parsons Boulevard. The defendant continued driving, dragging the victim for approximately 193 feet. The victim was found on the ground with numerous injuries. She was taken to an area hospital where she died.

According to the complaint, District Attorney Brown continued, the defendant allegedly told police at the time of her arrest that she was on her way to work when she thought a chunk of ice became lodged underneath the car and she kept driving until the ice broke off. When the defendant arrived at her job - a nearby hospital - she learned that a pedestrian was being brought into the emergency room after being struck by a car at the intersection of Parsons Boulevard and 32nd Avenue. The defendant is alleged to have stated in sum and substance that she began to have a weird feeling. She continued, it is alleged, and said that she had a weird feeling all day that it might have been the pedestrian and not a chunk of ice that she'd hit that morning.

District Attorney Brown added that, according to the charges, video surveillance of the intersection of Parsons Boulevard and 32nd Avenue allegedly shows the black Toyota Corolla hit the victim as she stepped into crosswalk with the pedestrian walk signal in her favor. The video also

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allegedly shows the Corolla continue driving down the block without stopping. The incident continues to be investigated.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Frank Passarella and other members of the New York City Police Department's Highway Division Collision Investigation Squad.

Assistant District Attorney Michael J. Curtis, of District Attorney Brown's Homicide Investigations Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Peter T. Reese, Bureau Chief, John Kosinski, Chief of the District Attorney's Vehicular Homicide Unit, Richard B. Schaeffer and Peter J. McCormack III, Homicide Investigations Bureau Chiefs, and Senior Assistant District Attorney Robert S. Ciesla, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Brad A. Leventhal.

It should be noted that a complaint is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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