



## Orange County News

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### **District Attorney Hoovler Announce Charges in Gas Station Hit and Run Fatality**

*Newburgh Man Charged with Manslaughter for Killing Gas Station Worker*

*Also Accused of Assaulting Woman with Car*

Orange County District Attorney David M. Hoovler announced that on Thursday, August 24, 2017, Milton Galdamez-Pena, 22, of Newburgh, was arraigned on an Indictment charging him with Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Leaving the Scene of Incident without Reporting, Criminally Negligent Homicide, Assault in the Third Degree, and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana. The charges were filed in connection with the death of a gas station worker who was struck and killed by a car driven by Galdmez-Pena on July 30, 2017. It is alleged that at about 4:45 pm, on July 30, 2017, Galdemez-Pena drove a car into the Shell gas station located on Broadway in the City of Newburgh. At the time, a gas station worker was measuring the gas level near an orange safety-barrel which had been placed to close the pump area where the worker was measuring the gas. It is alleged that Galdamez-Pena drove the car into and over the worker. It is also alleged the Galdemez-Pena then placed the car in reverse, and backed the car again over the worker. It is alleged that Galdemez-Pena then exited the vehicle, looked at the worker, re-entered the car and drove off. One of the three passengers who had been in the car was injured when Galdemez-Pena backed the car up over her foot. Digital recordings from the gas station aided police in identifying the car which struck the worker, who later died of his injuries. Galdemez-Pena was also charged with possessing marijuana both on July 30, 2017, the date of the fatal collision, and July 31, 2017, the date he was arrested. Bail was set by Orange County Court Judge Craig Stephen Brown in the amount of \$ 100,000 cash or \$250,000 bond. Galdemez-Pena is currently in the Orange County Jail and is next scheduled to appear in County Court on October 5, 2017.

District Attorney Hoovler thanked the city of Newburgh Police Department for their investigation and apprehension of Galdemez-Pena.

“For someone to simply drive off after seeing that they have seriously injured someone with their vehicle is itself conduct which is deserving of punishment,” said District Attorney Hoovler. “My deepest condolences go out to the family of the deceased in this case. Fatalities caused by those who drive recklessly are as tragic as they are preventable.”

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Maryellen Albanese.

A criminal charge is merely an allegation that a defendant has committed a violation of the criminal law, and it is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the State of New York’s burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

