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## UPDATE: FATALITY AT AIR FORCE ACADEMY

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**THE CASE:** A civilian at the Air Force Academy was killed Dec. 3 when she was hit by a Jeep Cherokee in a parking lot near 4102 Pinion Drive, near Community Center Drive. Witnesses told investigators the Jeep did not stop.

**THE VICTIM:** Madonna "Donna" Head, 65, died of injuries she suffered after being hit by the Jeep. She was a civilian employee at the academy and a Monument resident. She was married to retired Brig. Gen. James Head, a longtime physics professor at the academy.

**THE SUSPECT:** Veronica Prieto-Gudino, 30, was arrested shortly after the crash. Investigators found her Jeep, with blood on the front bumper and front tire, parked in a lot near the crash scene. She is the wife of a Mexican air force officer working at the academy as a language instructor through the military exchange program.

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WHAT'S NEW: Prieto-Gudino on Thursday pleaded not guilty to a felony charge of leaving the scene of an accident causing death and a misdemeanor charge of careless driving causing death. Her attorney, Lisabeth Perez Castle, said plea negotiations are continuing. "I do not believe this is going to trial. It will be resolved," she said. Prieto-Gudino could face up to six years in prison if convicted of the felony.

WHAT'S NEXT: 4th Judicial District Judge J. Patrick Kelly set Prieto-Gudino's next court date for Aug. 1. Her trial has been scheduled for October. She remains free on \$3,000 bond.

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## Plea deal reached in academy hit-and-run

The Associated Press

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**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. —** The wife of an officer in the Mexican air force working at the Air Force Academy plans to plead guilty to a reduced charge in a fatal hit-and-run on academy grounds.

Prosecutors said Friday that a plea deal had been reached in which 31-year-old Veronica Prieto-Gudino would plead guilty to leaving the scene of an accident causing death. She is scheduled to enter a plea Oct. 10 and faces up to six years in prison.

She originally also faced a charge of careless driving causing death.

Investigators arrested her after 65-year-old Madonna Head was struck by a Jeep Cherokee in a parking lot Dec. 3. She oversaw child programs for the academy and was the wife of retired Brig. Gen. James Head, a former physics professor at the academy.

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