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WICHITA, KAN. – A woman was sentenced to prison for the traffic death of a man on a motorcycle in southeast Wichita. District Judge David Kaufman sentenced Lila Garcia, 27 of Wichita, to 32 months in prison with 24 months of post release.

On August 11th, 2021 at Pawnee and Woodlawn, Garcia's eastbound car turned in front of a westbound motorcycle being driven by Albert Ortiz-Carrasco, 34 of Wichita. Mr. Ortiz-Carrasco died at the scene. Garcia did not stop after the crash and drove north on Woodlawn. Deputies later found Garcia's car at her home in the 900 block of S. Fabrique.

January 10th of this year, Garcia pled guilty to driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident.

In court this afternoon, the brother of the victim spoke to Judge Kaufman about what the loss of Albert means to him and the family. The Judge noted the defendant's sentence is a result of her "I" criminal history on the Kansas Sentencing Guidelines Grid meaning she has no criminal record. Along with the prison term, Judge Kaufman ordered Garcia to pay a fine of \$750 which is mandatory for a DUI.

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