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## DA's office files misdemeanor Vehicular Manslaughter charges involving a cyclist

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The Contra Costa District Attorney's Office has charged Lori Everett with a misdemeanor Vehicular Manslaughter in violation of Penal Code section 192(c)(2), for striking cyclist Joseph Shami with her vehicle shortly before 7 a.m. on April 13 in Lafayette.

According to a press release issued by the District Attorney's Office, Mr. Shami was "an incredibly experienced cyclist who lawfully entered the roundabout at the interchange of Olympic Boulevard and Pleasant Hill Road. Despite Mr. Shami's bright helmet and colorful clothing, the motorist failed to yield, and struck the victim cyclist who was in an established lane of travel."

Noting that tragic roadway deaths like this are avoidable and to ensure the safety of those in the community, the Office of the District Attorney implores motorists to be active, attentive drivers and to be mindful of pedestrians and cyclists when sharing the roadways.

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