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Bakersfield Woman Held to Answer in Hit-and-Run on Pacific Coast Highway

VENTURA Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney’s Office announced today that Mysti Lee Ary (DOB 01/29/77), of Bakersfield, has been held to answer on felony fleeing the scene of an accident causing permanent, serious injury for a June 15, 2025, accident along Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). On May 11, 2026, following a one-day preliminary hearing, the court found sufficient evidence to hold Ary to answer on the felony count.

On June 15, 2025, Ary is accused of being involved in a hit-and-run collision with a runner along PCH in Ventura County. Ary is alleged to have struck the pedestrian and then left the scene without stopping to render aid or identify herself. First responders located the injured pedestrian at the scene with significant injuries.

Following an investigation by the California Highway Patrol, Ary was identified as the alleged driver. She was arrested several days later, and the vehicle believed to be involved in the collision was located and seized as evidence.

Deputy District Attorney Jordan Pitcher, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney’s Office General Trials Unit, is prosecuting the case.

“Our thoughts remain with the victim, whose life was permanently impacted by this incident,” said Mr. Pitcher. “Drivers have a responsibility to stop, render aid, and take accountability when someone is seriously injured on our roadways.”

Ary is scheduled for an information arraignment on June 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Ary remains out of custody on her own recognizance.

Case: 2025015313

Defendant Information:

Mysti Lee Ary (DOB 01/29/77)
Bakersfield

Charges:

- VC 20001(b)(2) – Fleeing the scene of an accident causing permanent, serious injury