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5-year term for freeway death

A Sacramento woman who caused a fatal traffic collision while text messaging on the freeway will spend the next five years in prison.

Judge Lawrence G. Brown on Monday sentenced 23-year-old Sequoia Monay Jones after she pleaded no contest in January to causing the accident that led to the death of Robert Wilson, 64, of North Highlands in October.

Prosecutors say Jones was sending and receiving text messages while behind

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the wheel of her Volkswagen Bug when she struck Wilson on his motorcycle on the Capital City Freeway. The impact threw Wilson into a lane where he was hit by another car.

Jones admitted she fled rather than stop to assist Wilson.

The judge said Jones "engaged in reckless and senseless behavior."