

Trucker Pleads Not Guilty in La Canada/Flintridge Fatal Crash Marcos Costa will return to Massachusetts after posting bail

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Marcos Costa waits for his name to come up on a lengthy list of cases at the Pasadena Courthouse.

A truck driver had pleaded "not guilty" to vehicular manslaughter in this month's deadly crash at the foot of Angeles Crest Highway in La [Canada/Flintridge](#).

At his arraignment Monday, [Marcos Costa](#) appeared with a Portuguese translator after posting \$200,000 in bail money.

The judge made three stipulations against Costa: He's not allowed to drive any motorized vehicle until the case is completed; he has to hand over his Brazilian passport so as not to flee the country; and he will be allowed to return to his home in [Boston](#), Mass. between court hearings.

Costa is accused of driving an overweight big rig on the Angeles Crest Highway above La Canada/Flintridge on April 1. On a downhill ride, investigators say the brakes failed, causing the semi to slam into numerous other vehicles on the roadway and ultimately into a coffee shop and bookstore.

Two people died, a dozen more were injured.

But Costa's defense attorney denies any crime was committed.

"What happened in [Anaheim](#) with that ball player, that drunk driver, he's probably guilty," says [Steve Meister](#), attorney for Costa. "He committed a crime. He chose to drive drunk. My client has committed no crime."

58-year-old Angel Jorge Posca and his 12-year-old daughter Angelina were killed in the crash.

"It's a tragic accident," says Meister on behalf of Costa. "My client will go home to Massachusetts to live with the pain and the horror of that day."

Costa is set to return to court in California on May 13 for a preliminary hearing.

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