

# CRUNCH-AND-RUN



## Billionaire: I drove over foot & sped off

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He's worth billions in beer — and yesterday a dashing young Colombian brewer's heir looked like he could use a good cold one himself after pleading guilty to leaving the scene of a Manhattan traffic accident.

Andres Santo Domingo, the hubby of glamorous Vogue contributing editor Lauren Santo Domingo, surrendered to cops and nervously pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge in the injury-causing Midtown car accident.

It's an admission that experts say dramatically strengthens the victim's eye-popping \$100 million lawsuit for having his foot run over by Santo Domingo's Mercedes-Benz.

"It's crazy," Santo Domingo said with a dismissive wave of his hand, speaking of the lawsuit after his no-jail plea.

"It's the car insurance handling it," added Santo Domingo, whose father, at an estimated worth of \$6 billion, is the second-wealthiest man in Colombia.

Santo Domingo took his plea in tan, linen khakis and a royal-blue blazer with brass buttons — the only defendant in Man-

hattan Criminal Court who looked like he'd just stepped off a yacht.

He'll have to do six days of community service and lose driving privileges for 90 days.

Santo Domingo admitted in court that on March 29, at the corner of East 34th Street and Third Avenue, he drove his black Mercedes into 26-year-old college freshman Ryan Coutu — and then drove away, despite knowing that he'd caused Coutu injury.

"Subhuman," Coutu's lawyer, Herb Subin, called Santo Domingo after court.

Coutu had been struck hard in the elbow by the driver's-side mirror of Santo Domingo's AMG-series Mercedes. "The really fast kind," the lawyer said of the sports car.

Both men made eye contact, the lawyer said. Then, Santo Domingo peeled out, running over Coutu's foot and leaving him crumpled in the street, the lawyer said.

"My guy is lying on the ground, and this real humanitarian leaves him lying there," the lawyer said.

Coutu is still rehabbing his herniated discs and needs another surgery to repair nerve damage in his elbow, he said.

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**OUCH!** Andres Santo Domingo, with wife Lauren last month at a Met gala, admits yesterday in court (above) to a hit-and-run in Midtown.