

SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

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## Trucker pleads guilty in freeway deaths

**OAKLAND** A Manteca truck driver who killed five people when he plowed into a cleaning crew on a freeway faces 10 years

in prison after pleading no contest to several charges, including vehicular manslaughter.

George Schaapman, 39, entered his pleas Thursday.

He fell asleep at the wheel of his milk truck on the Nimitz Freeway on March 27, 1994, and struck the crew, some of whom were picking up litter to work off

traffic fines. Records show he had traces of methamphetamine, Valium and marijuana in his system.

Sentencing was set for June 2.