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LAPD Detective Charged with Sexually Assaulting Massage Therapists

A Los Angeles Police detective assigned to permit enforcement has been charged with sexual battery involving three women who worked at separate massage parlors in the San Fernando Valley, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Oris Pace (dob 5-26-65) was arrested Jan. 2 on a felony complaint for arrest warrant filed Dec. 30 by Deputy District Attorney Amy Pellman Pentz with the Justice System Integrity Division. He was released on bond.

Pace is charged in case BA419748 with five felony counts of assault by a public officer and six counts of sexual battery by restraint. The alleged offenses occurred between Jan. 1, 2011, and Jan. 9, 2012.

Prosecutors said Pace was a supervisor in LAPD's Commission Investigation Division, which was responsible for enforcing business permits including massage parlors. While on duty, he allegedly forced three separate victims to undress or he undressed them and fondled them.

Pace is scheduled to be arraigned Jan. 24 at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$190,000.

If convicted, he faces up to nine years in state prison.

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