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## **Arraignment Continued for Two LAPD Officers Charged in Workers' Comp Fraud Cases**

Two LAPD officers charged in separate workers' compensation fraud cases appeared in court today for arraignment, but their arraignment was continued, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Officer Jonathan Hall (dob 9-29-68) was ordered to return to the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30, on Feb. 10 for arraignment, said Deputy District Attorney Arunas Sodonis with the Healthcare Fraud Division. He was released earlier on \$80,000 bail.

Hall was charged in December in case BA419176 with two counts of insurance fraud, one count of attempted perjury under oath and one count of grand theft of personal property. The 19-year LAPD veteran claimed he injured his back while on duty and was placed on leave. On multiple occasions in 2013 while on paid leave, Hall allegedly was observed on a boat helping to carry heavy diving equipment and providing scuba diving instructions to an undercover police officer.

Officer Ralph Mendoza (dob 7-6-69) was ordered to return to the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30, on Jan. 21 for arraignment, Sodonis said. He is out on \$40,000 bail.

Mendoza, a 13-year LAPD veteran, was charged in December in case BA419179 with one count of insurance fraud and one count of grand theft of personal property. Mendoza allegedly altered a doctor's return to work slip in June 2012.

If convicted, Hall faces up to eight years in county jail. Mendoza faces up to six years in county jail.

The Los Angeles Police Department investigated both cases.

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