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Man Charged with Stabbing Sheriff's Deputy in Santa Clarita

A 21-year-old man pleaded not guilty today to attacking an officer at a fast-food restaurant Monday morning, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Donald Chinchilla (dob 4/4/96) has been charged with one count of deliberate, premeditated, attempted murder of a peace officer in case PA090188.

The defendant is scheduled to return to court on Feb. 14 for a preliminary hearing setting in Department S of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch.

The felony complaint includes a special allegation that the defendant personally inflicted great bodily injury to the victim. Additionally, the charging document alleges Chinchilla personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife, during the commission of the crime.

At today's arraignment, the defendant's bail was set at \$1.05 million.

Deputy District Attorney Jack Garden of the Crimes Against Peace Officers Section said on the morning of Jan. 8 Chinchilla allegedly confronted and stabbed a Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy in the parking lot of a restaurant located in the 18900 block of Soledad Canyon Road in Santa Clarita.

The defendant reportedly then fled the scene, the prosecutor said. Authorities were alerted about the attack and soon after apprehended Chinchilla and took him into custody, the prosecutor added.

If convicted as charged, Chinchilla faces a maximum possible sentence of 19 years to life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.