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Ocotomom Charged with Welfare Fraud

The woman known as Octomom has been charged with welfare fraud after she allegedly failed to report nearly \$30,000 in earnings, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Nadya Suleman, whose real name is Natalie Denise Suleman (dob 7/11/75), is scheduled to be arraigned Friday at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30. She was charged Jan. 6 in case BA418806 with one count of aid by misrepresentation and two counts of perjury by false application for aid. Prosecutors will ask that her bail be set at \$25,000.

Deputy District Attorney William Clark with the Public Assistance Fraud Division is prosecuting the case.

According to the complaint, Suleman, who gained notoriety by giving birth to octoplets, filed for public assistance in Lancaster in January 2013. While applying for public aid, the mother of 14 children allegedly failed to disclose that she was also getting checks for personal appearances and residuals from videos. She allegedly failed to report the extra income she earned between Jan. 1, 2013, and June 30, 2013.

If convicted, she faces up to five years, eight months in custody.

The case was investigated by the Department of Public Social Services.

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