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Convicted Murderer Charged with Hatchet Assault in Burbank

A transient convicted of murder in 1998 was charged today with threatening a man with a hatchet near a park in Burbank, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Leo Jason Cox (dob 7/14/73) faces one count of assault with a deadly weapon, hatchet, in case GA097951.

The felony complaint includes the allegation that the defendant was convicted of murder 18 years ago in Gainesville, Florida and in 2014, of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in Dallas.

Cox is due for arraignment today in Department 1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Burbank Branch.

On Jan. 22, Cox allegedly began yelling as he raised a hatchet at a man who had just exited his vehicle near the McCambridge Recreation Center, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors will request bail be set at more than \$1 million.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 25 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Burbank Police 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 seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.