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**Attempted Murder Charges Added in Hate Crime Attack  
Near Hancock Park Synagogue**

A man accused in an alleged hate crime attack last year near a Hancock Park synagogue has been charged with two counts of premeditated attempted murder, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Mohamed Abdi Mohamed (dob 1/1/86) of Seattle today pleaded not guilty to the new charges, which were added in an amended felony complaint filed on Jan. 29.

Mohamed also faces two felony counts of assault with a deadly weapon, a vehicle, as well as a hate crime allegation, in case BA473133 filed on Nov. 27. He has pleaded not guilty to those charges.

A preliminary hearing setting is scheduled for Feb. 22 in Department 34 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. Bail has been set at \$1 million.

On Nov. 23, Mohamed allegedly yelled religious epithets out of his car window at two men leaving a synagogue in the Los Angeles neighborhood, said Deputy District Attorney Richard Ceballos of the Organized Crime Division. The defendant is accused of then attempting to hit the men, who were walking on a sidewalk, with his vehicle on North La Brea Avenue at Oakwood Avenue.

The defendant allegedly fled but collided with another vehicle a couple of blocks away and was arrested, the prosecutor said. The victims were unharmed.

Mohamed faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison if convicted as charged.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Major Crimes Division.

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