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## Compton Man Charged After In-Custody Escape

A 20-year-old man pleaded not guilty today to charges that he escaped from a sheriff's patrol car as he was being taken to jail, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ivan Richard Johnson (dob 4/2/94) of Compton was charged with three counts of resisting executive officer, two counts of assault upon peace officer, one count of escape by force or violence and vandalism under \$400 damage in case TA136330.

Prosecutors said Johnson was initially charged with one count of resisting an executive officer after an incident on Jan. 21.

The defendant was arraigned on the charge on Jan. 23, but allegedly refused to leave the Compton Courthouse lockup to take the bus to jail, prosecutors said.

As a result, sheriff deputies transported the defendant in a patrol car. While in the vehicle, Johnson allegedly shattered a car window with his head, prosecutors said.

Deputies pulled over for safety reasons, at which point Johnson is accused of pushing and shoving his way out of the car and escaped.

Authorities immediately set up a containment area and five hours later discovered Johnson hiding under a car, prosecutors added.

The defendant is scheduled to return to court on Feb. 24 for a preliminary hearing at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Compton, Department 10.

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

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