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Ex-Felon Charged with Shooting at Officers

Prosecutors today charged an ex-felon with attempted murder of two LAPD officers who were responding to an assault call Monday morning, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Cliff A. Gershowitz (dob 1/22/64) is charged in case LA076869 with three counts of attempted murder, including two involving police officers, and one count of possession of a firearm by a felon. The complaint alleges that he personally discharged a handgun, and that he caused great bodily injury.

Gershowitz, who was convicted in 2005 of assault on a peace officer, is scheduled to be arraigned after 1:30 p.m. at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch, in Department 100. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at $4.07 million.

Deputy District Attorney Garrett Dameron with the Crimes Against Peace Officers Section is handling the case.

Gershowitz allegedly shot a male acquaintance during an argument shortly after 9:30 a.m. Monday in the 7100 block of Yolanda Avenue.

Los Angeles police officers responding to that assault call confronted Gershowitz, who allegedly opened fire on them. One officer was struck in the arm. He was treated and released from the hospital.

If convicted, the defendant faces up to life in state prison.

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