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Pico Rivera Man Charged with Numerous Robberies

A 51-year-old man has been charged with committing more than twenty robberies in a span of seven months, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Michael Anthony Tapia (dob 12/9/66) of Pico Rivera has been charged with 25 felony counts in case KA117395: 24 counts of second-degree robbery and one count of kidnapping to commit robbery.

The defendant was scheduled to be arraigned today, however, the court appearance was continued to March 13 in Department N of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch. Tapia's bail was set at \$2.23 million.

The felony complaint includes a special allegation that the defendant personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a replica handgun, during the commission of the crimes.

The charging document also alleges that Tapia was previously convicted of second-degree robbery in 1998 and attempted second-degree robbery in 2001.

Deputy District Attorney Lauren Guber, who is assigned to the case, said Tapia allegedly committed 24 robberies in Los Angeles County from June 2017 to January 2018.

The defendant was apprehended at his home on Feb. 13 and taken into custody, the prosecutor added.

If convicted as charged, Tapia faces a maximum possible punishment of life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the West Covina Police Department.

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