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Man Pleads in 2015 Dodger Stadium Attack

A 28-year-old man pleaded no contest today to punching a fan in the Dodger Stadium parking lot following a game in October 2015, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Michael Rae Papayans of Palos Verdes Estates entered his plea to one count of assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury and an allegation that he caused great bodily injury.

As part of a plea agreement, Papayans must complete 80 days of community service, serve 14 days in jail, enroll in an anger management course and pay more than \$100,000 in restitution. Sentencing is set for Feb. 22, 2018.

Deputy District Attorney Michele Hanisee with the Major Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

On Oct. 9, 2015, a group was confronted by Papayans' mother as they were heading to their car following a Dodgers-Mets playoff game. She yelled epithets shortly before Papayans joined in a verbal dispute with the group.

Papayans then punched a 50-year-old man in the head, knocking him unconscious. As the victim fell to the ground, he hit his head on the pavement, causing him to sustain serious head injuries.

Case BA444180 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery-Homicide Division.

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