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**Correction: Corrects amount of charges**

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## **Former University Student Charged with Faking Threats**

A former University of La Verne student has been charged with making criminal threats during a scheme to portray herself as one of the victims of the threats, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Elizabeth Padilla Diaz said Anayeli Dominguez Peña (dob 5/2/94) of Ontario faces one felony count each of criminal threats and perjury by declaration as well as six misdemeanor counts of false report of a criminal offense and one misdemeanor count of internet/electronic impersonation.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges today and is scheduled to return on April 14 in Department F of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch. Case KA124258 was filed for warrant on March 6.

Dominguez Peña is accused of creating fake messages and email accounts last spring and then using them to fake a threat against herself and a student who was not aware the threats were false, the prosecutor said.

According to the criminal complaint, the defendant reported the false threats to police and applied for victim compensation from the California Victim Compensation Board, the prosecutor added.

Bail is scheduled at \$136,000. If convicted as charged, Dominguez Peña faces a possible maximum sentence of eight years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the La Verne Police Department.

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