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Man Charged With Murdering 9-Year-Old Girl Whose Body Was Found in Hacienda Heights

A man was charged today with the murder of a 9-year-old girl whose body was found in a bag in Hacienda Heights last week, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Emiel Hunt (4/13/80) was charged in case KA120432 with one count of murder. He is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department F of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch.

Hunt is accused of killing Trinity J., on or about March 1, according to the criminal complaint. The girl's body was found in a duffel bag on March 5 along an equestrian trail near Colima Road and Hacienda Boulevard in Hacienda Heights.

The criminal complaint also says Hunt was convicted of child abuse in San Diego County in 2005.

Prosecutors are recommending bail be set at \$2 million. If convicted as charged, Hunt faces a possible maximum sentence of 50 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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