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Man Charged with Driving in Northridge with Pipe Bombs

An Encino man was charged today with four felony counts after police allegedly found three pipe bombs during a routine traffic stop, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Sean Carney of the Target Crimes Division said David Patton (9/24/61) is facing three counts of possession of a destructive device on a public street or highway and one count of transportation of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in case PA080099.

Arraignment is scheduled for later today in Department S of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch.

On March 19 Patton was pulled over by police on Devonshire Street and Reseda Boulevard in Northridge when officers found what appeared to be a pipe bomb, according to the prosecutor. A more thorough search of the defendant's vehicle turned up two additional pipe bombs, he added. Once the devices were confirmed to be explosive the intersection was shut down and nearby residents and businesses were evacuated.

If convicted of all charges Patton faces a maximum possible sentence of six years and eight months in jail. He is being held on \$530,000 bail.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Major Crimes Division.

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