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## **New Jersey Woman Charged with Carjacking, Police Pursuit Through San Fernando Valley**

A 30-year-old woman has been charged with attempting to steal a police vehicle following a pursuit that began in Sherman Oaks and ended in Chatsworth, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Khianna Reynolds (dob 6/24/85) of New Jersey faces one felony count each of carjacking, grand theft auto, driving or taking a vehicle without consent, fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle while driving recklessly and attempted driving or taking of a law enforcement vehicle without consent.

Case LA083101 also includes three misdemeanor counts of hit and run driving resulting in property damage.

Reynolds was charged late yesterday and pleaded not guilty at arraignment. Bail was set at \$145,000. The defendant is scheduled to return on April 11 for the preliminary hearing in Department 112 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

On March 27, Reynolds allegedly stole a Toyota Tacoma as the owner unloaded groceries in her home, prosecutors said. Once the Los Angeles Police Department was notified about the reported theft and the truck was spotted, the defendant fled while driving erratically at high speeds, prosecutors added.

During the police pursuit, Reynolds is accused of hitting several vehicles on the 101 Freeway. The pursuit ended near Nordhoff Street and Topanga Canyon Boulevard. However, as Reynolds appeared to surrender to police, she allegedly attempted to steal an LAPD Ford Explorer, prosecutors said.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Van Nuys Station.

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