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Former Attorney Charged with Threatening Hollywood Pedestrians with Replica Rifle

A man was charged today with threatening passersby with a realistic looking pellet rifle from his Hollywood apartment, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Steven Gregory Kaplan aka Sebastian Kane (dob 2/23/62) faces three felony counts of criminal threats and one felony count of vandalism over \$400 in case BA456051.

Kaplan pleaded not guilty to the charges today and is scheduled to return for a preliminary hearing on April 17 in Department 38 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On March 31, Kaplan is accused of threatening to kill another tenant while she was in the pool area of the apartment building on the 1500 block of North Vine Street, prosecutors said. Later in the day, the defendant allegedly pointed a rifle that appeared real and threatened to kill pedestrians walking on the sidewalk below his apartment, prosecutors added.

The defendant also is charged with smashing the windows of the apartment. Kaplan was arrested following a six-hour standoff with police.

Bail was set at \$1 million. If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of six years in state prison.

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

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.