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CORRECTION: Corrects date of incident.

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Mother Ordered to Stand Trial for DUI Crash After Picking Up Daughters From School

A Lancaster woman was arraigned today after being ordered to stand trial for allegedly getting in a DUI crash after picking up her daughters from their elementary school, severely injuring one of the girls, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Shekia Nicole Walker (dob 10/22/87) was held to answer on March 27 for one count each of driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage causing injury and driving with a .08% blood alcohol content causing injury as well as two counts of child abuse under circumstances or conditions likely to cause great bodily injury or death.

Deputy District Attorney SuSu Scott said the felony information includes allegations that Walker caused great bodily injury to her 12 and 6-year-old daughters and that the injuries caused the 6-year-old to become comatose due to brain injury and to suffer paralysis.

Walker pleaded not guilty and is scheduled to return for a pretrial hearing on May 10 in Department 125 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. Case MA075753 was filed on Feb. 26.

On Feb. 19, the defendant picked up her two daughters from school and began driving at an unsafe speed, according to evidence presented at the preliminary hearing. Walker then collided with a pole, injuring herself and her two daughters, the prosecutor said.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces more than 11 years in state prison. Bail is set at \$230,000.

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