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**Palmdale Man Charged with Attempted Murder,
Kidnapping of Female Roommate**

A Palmdale man was charged today with attacking and kidnapping his female roommate, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Theodore Swanson said Omar Oswaldo Hernández (dob 1/21/87) faces one count each of attempted murder, battery with serious bodily injury, criminal threats, and kidnapping in case MA062693.

Hernández is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon in Department A01 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

On April 8, the defendant hit and strangled his roommate after she refused to be in a relationship with him, according to the prosecutor. She lost consciousness during the attack and when she awoke the victim was in his truck. Not knowing where Hernández was taking her, she jumped out of the moving truck so she could escape, Swanson added.

A 14-year-old Good Samaritan saw her near 25th St. and Avenue S and called 9-1-1.

Prosecutors are asking for \$1,000,000 bail. If Hernández is convicted in all counts he faces a maximum possible sentence of 10-years-to-life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Palmdale 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 seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Annually, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.