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Woman Charged With Attempted Murder in Long Beach Hate Crime Attack

A 34-year-old woman pleaded not guilty today to attacking a person based on gender identity, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Glyness Chinique Felton (dob 3/25/82) of Long Beach has been charged with one count of attempted murder in case NA103984. The felony complaint includes hate crime and knife allegations.

Two other defendants, Tishia Marice Gray (dob 9/17/87) and Davon Lamar Ellout (dob 3/13/94) were also charged in connection with the same attack in case NA103838.

On April 6, Gray and Ellout pleaded no contest to a felony count of assault with a deadly weapon. Gray was sentenced to three years in state prison, while Ellout was ordered to serve four years in state prison.

Prosecutors said on March 20 the victim, a transgender woman, was walking down a Long Beach street when Felton, Gray and Ellout reportedly began yelling derogatory remarks at her.

The defendants then allegedly followed the victim into a store where Gray punched the victim. Felton allegedly pulled out a knife to stab the victim, while Gray and Ellout continued the assault, prosecutors said.

Ellout then grabbed a wet floor sign and slammed it over the victim's head, prosecutors added.

Felton is scheduled to return to court for a preliminary hearing setting on April 20 in Department S01 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch.

If convicted as charged, Felton faces a maximum possible sentence of life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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