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## **Man Charged with Attempted Murder of Four Hawthorne Police Officers**

An Oceanside man was charged today with attempting to kill four Hawthorne police officers responding to a domestic dispute call, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

James Louis Boyd III (dob 4/4/82) faces 10 felony counts: four counts each of attempted murder and assault on a peace officer with a semiautomatic firearm as well as one count each of shooting at an occupied motor vehicle and discharge of firearm with gross negligence.

Deputy District Attorney Geoff Lewin of the Crimes Against Peace Officers Section said Boyd also is alleged to have used a rifle as a deadly and dangerous weapon.

Arraignment for case YA099538 is scheduled today in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch.

On April 7, Boyd was allegedly involved in a domestic dispute with his girlfriend at a hotel in Hawthorne when he fired shots from a rifle into the air, the prosecutor said. When police responded, the defendant is charged with shooting at one of the patrol cars, shattering a window, the prosecutor added.

Boyd was arrested after an officer involved shooting in which the defendant injured an officer.

If convicted as charged, Boyd faces a possible maximum sentence of 100 years to life in state prison. Bail is requested at \$5 million.

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

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