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Man Charged with Assaulting Off-Duty Police Officer at Hollywood Store

A man was charged today with assaulting an off-duty police officer who was working as a security guard at a store in Hollywood, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Daniel Keith Kennedy (dob 6/23/91), a transient, was charged in case BA477224 with one felony count each of battery with serious bodily injury and assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury with an allegation of personally inflicting great bodily injury.

He is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On April 22, Kennedy allegedly entered a store at Sunset Boulevard and Vine Street where the victim, an officer with the Los Angeles Police Department, was working as a security guard. The victim recognized the defendant as a suspected shoplifter and asked him to leave, prosecutors said.

After being escorted outside, Kennedy is accused of throwing the victim to the ground and stomping on his head. He was arrested shortly after by nearby police officers.

The victim was taken to a local hospital where he was treated for his injuries.

The defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of seven years in state prison if convicted as charged. Prosecutors are requesting that bail be set at \$60,000.

The case remains under investigation by the LAPD, Hollywood Division.

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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.