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**North Hollywood Woman Charged
in Connection with Dog Attacks**

A 56-year-old woman was in court today to face charges in connection with several attacks by her dog, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Ron Carey said Cheryl Hargrove Hooks (dob 1/3/59) of North Hollywood faces three felony counts of negligence of owner of mischievous animal causing serious bodily injury in case LA080478.

Hooks pleaded not guilty today and is due back on May 27 in Department 112 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

The complaint charges Hooks with three different dog attacks in 2013 and 2014. One victim was allegedly bitten on the face by the defendant's dog while house sitting, the prosecutor said.

The second incident involved a 7-year-old boy who was seriously injured and required surgery after Hook's dog attacked the young victim in his driveway, the prosecutor added.

The most recent attack allegedly occurred during a dinner at the defendant's home, Carey said. The victim was seriously injured and bitten on the face, Carey added.

If convicted as charged, Hooks faces a maximum possible sentence of four years and four months in jail.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, North 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 seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.