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**Palmdale Man Pleads to Attempted Murder,
Kidnapping of Female Roommate**

A Palmdale man pleaded no contest today to attacking and kidnapping his female roommate, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Theodore Swanson said Omar Oswaldo Hernández, 27, entered his plea to one count each of attempted murder and kidnapping.

Hernández is scheduled to be sentenced on May 20 in Department A18 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch. At that time, the defendant will face a sentence of 13 years and eight months in state prison and the remaining counts – one felony count each of battery with serious bodily injury and criminal threats – are expected to be dismissed.

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 she 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 911.

The case was 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. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.