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Convenience Store Clerk, Boyfriend Charged in California Lottery Scam Case

A man and a woman are scheduled to be arraigned today for attempting to scam the California Lottery, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney William Ryder said Kamrun Nahar Nipa (dob 4/18/90) and Miggel Hewage Wijesena (dob 4/18/86) are charged with conspiracy to commit grand theft, attempted grand theft of personal property, perjury by declaration and presentation of a fraudulent claim in felony case LA077811.

Arraignment is scheduled in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

On April 9, while working at a gas station mini mart in the 16000 block of Sherman Way in Van Nuys, Nipa was given a decoy winning lottery ticket for \$20,000 by an undercover investigator with the California Lottery Commission.

Nipa allegedly told the undercover agent that the ticket was not a winner, the prosecutor said. The next day Nipa and Wijesena, her fiancé, presented the ticket for redemption claiming it to be their own, Ryder added.

If convicted as charged on all counts the defendants face a maximum possible sentence of three years and eight months in county jail.

The case was investigated by the California State Lottery Commission.

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