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Buena Park Man Charged with Kidnapping, Domestic Violence

A 29-year-old man has been charged with kidnapping his girlfriend and beating her as he fled from police last month, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Alexis Leonardo Avina (dob 6/7/89) of Buena Park faces one felony count each of kidnapping, injuring a girlfriend, false imprisonment by violence and fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle and driving against traffic.

The charges include allegations of causing great bodily injury and prior convictions for assault with a firearm, carrying a loaded firearm and carrying a concealed dirk or dagger with gang allegations in 2008, 2010 and 2013.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department 5 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Downey Branch. Case VA150647 was filed on May 10.

Police attempted to pull Avina over after he was allegedly spotted striking his 31-year-old girlfriend while driving in South Gate on April 24, prosecutors said. The pursuit continued through Orange County and then back to Los Angeles, ending in Rowland Heights.

Throughout the pursuit, the woman allegedly attempted to flee the vehicle multiple times, prosecutors added.

Avina faces a possible maximum sentence of more than 43 years to life in state prison if convicted as charged.

The case remains under investigation by the South Gate Police Department.

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