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Palmdale Man Sentenced in Attempted Murder, Kidnapping of Female Roommate

A Palmdale man has been sentenced to more than 13 years in state prison for attacking and kidnapping his female roommate, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Theodore Swanson said Omar Oswaldo Hernández, 27, was sentenced to 13 years and eight months late yesterday.

Hernández pleaded no contest on April 29 to one count each of attempted murder and kidnapping. A restitution hearing is scheduled for June 19 in Department A18 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

On April 8, the defendant strangled and struck his roommate after she refused to be in a romantic relationship with him, according to the prosecutor. During the attack she lost consciousness and when she came to she was inside his truck. Not knowing where Hernández was driving to, she jumped out of the moving truck and escaped, Swanson added.

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.