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LASD Deputy Charged with Perjury, Filing False Police Report

A Los Angeles County sheriff deputy has been charged with filing a false police report following a 2012 arrest, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Deborah Delport said Gregory Rodriguez (dob 2/23/80) faces one felony count each of perjury by declaration and filing a false report.

Arraignment for Rodriguez is scheduled on June 18 in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. Case BA436858 was filed for warrant on May 28.

According to the felony complaint, Rodriguez falsely declared that Christopher Gray attempted to open the rear passenger door of a patrol car to free two suspects in custody on Aug. 23, 2012. Based on Rodriguez's report, Gray was arrested that day for attempted lynching.

Lynching is the legal term for the taking of any person from the lawful custody of any peace officer by means of a riot.

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

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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 <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.