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## Compton Man Charged with Severely Beating Toddler

Prosecutors have charged a 23-year-old man accused of beating his girlfriend's young son, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Rodrigo Hernandez (dob 1/16/92) of Compton has been charged with two felony counts: attempted murder and assault on a child becoming comatose in case TA137386.

The felony complaint includes a special allegation that the defendant inflicted great bodily injury on the victim, who was under the age of five years, during the commission of the crime.

Hernandez is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 12 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Compton Branch.

Prosecutors said on June 7, Hernandez was reportedly watching his girlfriend's 13-month old son while the mother was in another room in the apartment.

At one point, family members alerted the mother that the child was acting strangely. When the mother went to the child, the boy began to have seizures. Additionally, bruising started to develop on his body, prosecutors said.

Paramedics were called and the toddler was taken to the hospital where he remains receiving medical treatment.

The same day of the incident, Hernandez was taken into custody and subsequently charged in connection with the child's injuries.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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