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Woman Charged with Resisting Arrest at Long Beach Intersection

A 22-year-old woman pleaded not guilty yesterday to fighting an officer in a busy Long Beach intersection on Monday, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Carmen Mata (dob 7/7/95) of Los Angeles has been charged with four counts in case NA106844: one felony count of resisting executive officer and three misdemeanor counts of resisting, delaying, or obstructing a peace officer.

On July 3, an officer responded to a call regarding a person obstructing the roadway near Pacific Avenue and West Anaheim Street in Long Beach.

When the officer arrived at the intersection, he reportedly found Mata waving her arms and yelling at motorists, prosecutors said.

The officer exited his patrol car and attempted to detain the defendant, but Mata allegedly refused to follow the officer's verbal commands, prosecutors added.

After some time, the officer took Mata to the ground and she allegedly continued to resist, according to prosecutors. Additional officers arrived at the scene, subdued Mata and took her into custody, prosecutors said.

The defendant is scheduled to return to court on July 14 for a prehearing conference in Department SO1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch.

If convicted as charged, Mata faces a maximum possible sentence of 6 years in county jail.

The case is being investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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