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### **Antelope Valley Man Charged in Topanga Area Kidnap-Rape**

Prosecutors today charged an 18-year-old Lancaster man with more than a dozen felony counts, including forcible rape and kidnapping, in connection with a 4<sup>th</sup> of July attack outside the Westfield Topanga Mall, the District Attorney's Office announced.

Alan Yochelson, head deputy of the Van Nuys Branch Office, said Kioki Ray Snowden (dob 12/08/94) appeared for arraignment this afternoon but the hearing was postponed to July 29 in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

Snowden is charged in case LA074666 with four counts of forcible rape, three counts of identity theft and two counts of kidnapping to commit another crime. He also faces one count each of second-degree robbery, sexual penetration by foreign object, forcible oral copulation, sodomy by use of force and second-degree commercial burglary.

The complaint includes special allegations that the defendant used a deadly weapon, a knife, in the commission of the offense; kidnapped and bound the victim; and substantially increased the risk of harm to the victim through movement.

The charges stem from an incident on July 4 when the defendant allegedly kidnapped the victim at knifepoint when she returned to her parked car at the mall. Snowden allegedly went on to sexually assault and rob the victim.

Prosecutors recommend that the defendant's bail be set at \$9.045 million. If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

The case will be prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Frederick Mesropi. The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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