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Female Carjacking Suspect Charged After Televised Pursuit

A 26-year-old woman who led authorities on a televised pursuit that ended in the parking lot of a Bell Gardens casino was charged today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Kelsey Woods (dob 6/19/90) has been charged with four felony counts in case KA113030: two counts of assault upon a peace officer and one count each of carjacking and fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle and driving against traffic.

The felony complaint includes a special allegation that the defendant personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife, during the commission of the carjacking.

Additionally, the charging document alleges that Woods was previously convicted of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle and driving against traffic in 2015.

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon in Department 4 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, El Monte Branch. Prosecutors will ask that bail be set at \$120,000.

Prosecutors said on July 13 Woods allegedly approached a woman with a knife in South El Monte and then took the victim's truck.

Later that day, law enforcement spotted the stolen truck and attempted to pull over the defendant, who was reportedly driving the vehicle, prosecutors said.

Woods allegedly did not pull over and a police pursuit began. During the pursuit, the defendant reportedly drove into oncoming traffic and did not stop at numerous stop lights, prosecutors added.

At one point, the defendant allegedly stopped the vehicle, went into reverse and hit the patrol vehicle before she fled the scene again, prosecutors said.

Officers continued to pursue the defendant's car into the parking lot of a Bell Gardens casino, where she was ultimately apprehended, according to prosecutors.

If convicted as charged, Woods faces a maximum possible sentence of 16 years and four months in state prison.

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

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