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## **Animal Cruelty Charge Filed Against Lancaster Man**

A Lancaster man was charged today for allegedly punching and hurling his dog on the ground, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Lyle Riggs said Robert Emmett Martin (dob 8/28/60) pleaded not guilty to one felony count of cruelty to an animal in case MA063894.

The defendant returns to court on Aug. 22 in Department A02 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

Martin body slammed and punched his six-month-old pit bull mix named Daisy in front of his house on the 500 block of East Lancaster Boulevard last Friday, Aug. 8, the prosecutor said.

If convicted as charged, Martin faces a maximum penalty of three years in jail.

Daisy is being cared for by the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster Station.

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