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Charges Filed Against Dog's Owner in Hawthorne

The owner of a Rottweiler shot and killed by Hawthorne police has been charged with multiple felony counts including dissuading a witness and making criminal threats and is due to be in court today for arraignment, the District Attorney's Office announced.

Leon Cordell Rosby, 52 (dob 6-20-61), was charged in case SA 084905 with two felony counts each of dissuading a witness from prosecuting a crime, intimidation of witness and making criminal threats, and one misdemeanor count of resisting arrest. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$310,000.

Rosby is expected to surrender this morning at Los Angeles Superior Court, Airport Branch, Department 144, for arraignment, said Deputy District Attorney Keri Modder.

Rosby received national media attention after a YouTube video was posted showing Hawthorne police fatally shooting his 3-year-old Rottweiler. Hawthorne Police Department released a second video taken by a second witness at the scene that showed more of the officer's actions prior to the shooting.

After the second video was released, Rosby allegedly went to the witness's residence and had a verbal confrontation with her and her son.

If convicted, Rosby faces up to five years in state prison.

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