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Chatsworth Man Charged with Running Over Peacocks

A 61-year-old man has been charged with intentionally killing two peacocks by running them over with his pickup truck, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Bradley Lieberman said Floyd Michael Belton (dob 7/20/58) of Chatsworth faces two felony counts of cruelty to an animal with an allegation of using his vehicle as a deadly and dangerous weapon.

Belton was in court today for arraignment but it was continued to Sept. 18 in Department S of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch. Case PA093227 was filed for warrant on Aug. 7.

The defendant allegedly ran over a female and a male peacock intentionally with his Ford F-150 truck on July 25, the prosecutor said.

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

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

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