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Ray J Pleads in Beverly Hills Bar Incident

The entertainer known as Ray J pleaded no contest plea today to a charge stemming from an incident at a Beverly Hills bar, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Through his attorney, Ray J, whose legal name is Willie Ray Norwood Jr., 33, pleaded to one count of misdemeanor trespassing in case 4WA32033.

Deputy District Attorney Candice Jan prosecuted the case.

Judge Edward Moreton sentenced Norwood to three years summary probation and 50 hours of community service. The defendant also was ordered to attend alcohol therapy and anger management classes.

Additionally, Judge Moreton ordered him to stay away from the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel. As part of the negotiated settlement, Norwood will have to pay any restitution resulting from the May 30 incident.

The restitution amount will be determined at a Dec. 8 hearing in Department 143 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch.

Norwood was arrested after refusing to leave the hotel bar for groping a woman, the prosecutor said. While in police custody he broke a patrol car window, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Beverly Hills Police Department.

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