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Father Charged With Kidnapping 2-Year-Old Daughter

A Los Angeles man pleaded not guilty today to charges that he kidnapped his 2-year-old daughter earlier this week, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Louai Nayel Issa (dob 1/10/88) was charged with one count each of kidnapping, child stealing and misdemeanor brandishing a replica gun. He is scheduled to return to court on Sept. 11 for a preliminary hearing in Department 33 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Whelma Llanos of the Child Abduction Section said Issa allegedly abducted his daughter on Wednesday during a supervised visit in Chatsworth. Issa is accused of brandishing a replica gun at a Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services worker, the prosecutor added.

Issa fled with his daughter, prompting an Amber Alert. The two were found hours later in the Westlake district. The girl was not injured.

If convicted as charged, Issa faces up to 14 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery-Homicide Division.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.