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Palmdale Man Charged with Cruelty to Family Dogs

A 22-year-old man was arraigned today on charges he beat and kicked two family pets at his Palmdale home and then resisted arrest, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Daniel Rochmes said Andres Garcia (dob 7/16/93) pleaded not guilty to three felony counts of cruelty to an animal and one misdemeanor count each of assault on a peace officer and resisting a peace officer in case MA066852.

Garcia is scheduled to return for a preliminary hearing on Sept. 15 in Department A02 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

The defendant is charged with inflicting serious injuries to two dogs, both Chihuahuas, the prosecutor said. One of the dogs had to be euthanized due to the severity of its injuries.

Garcia's family allegedly called the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department after they were unable to stop the defendant from kicking and chasing the dogs in their backyard. When sheriff's deputies arrived, Garcia allegedly charged at a deputy and swung one of the Chihuahuas at him, the prosecutor added.

The defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of six years and four months in county jail if convicted as charged. Bail was set at \$60,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Department, Palmdale Station, and the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control.

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for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.