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**Man Charged With Attempted Murder of Woman
at Taco Stand in East Los Angeles**

A man was charged today with trying to kill a woman as she waited in line at a taco stand in East Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Andres Contreras (dob 11/30/86) was charged in case BA449998 with one count each of attempted murder, kidnapping and assault with a deadly weapon. He is scheduled to be arraigned in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On Sept. 7, Contreras is accused of grabbing and holding a 23-year-old woman at knifepoint as she was eating at a taco stand in the 5100 block of Whitter Boulevard. Contreras allegedly told the victim that she was going to die and stabbed her as she tried to protect herself.

A good Samaritan tried to help the woman but Contreras allegedly cut him in the chest. Contreras also is accused of dragging the woman into oncoming traffic. Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies responded and Contreras let go of the victim and was arrested.

If convicted as charged, Contreras faces up to life in prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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