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Woman Charged With Attempted Murder by Setting Man on Fire

A homeless woman has been charged with trying to kill a man by pouring gasoline on him last week, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Shalonda Christine Shaw (dob 12/20/85) was charged earlier this week in case BA480942 with one count each of attempted murder and assault with caustic chemicals. She is expected to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney Holly Harpham of the Arson and Explosives Section is prosecuting the case.

On Sept. 5, Shaw is accused of pouring gasoline from a container onto a 36-year-old man in the 1600 block of West Slauson Boulevard. She allegedly lit the victim on fire and he was badly injured. Some of the gasoline landed on a 27-year-old woman, who also was injured.

If convicted as charged, Shaw faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles City Fire Department.

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