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Man Sentenced for Stabbing Olive View Hospital Nurse

A 27-year-old man has been sentenced to more than 15 years in state prison for stabbing a nurse at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center multiple times on Easter last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Frances Young said Romero Carnalla of Los Angeles entered no contest pleas yesterday to one felony count each of attempted murder and resisting executive officer and two misdemeanor counts of assault and battery.

Additionally, Carnalla admitted a prior prison conviction for assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury in 2012.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Cynthia Ulfing of the San Fernando Branch immediately sentenced Carnalla to 15 years and eight months in state prison. The defendant also waived any credit for the time he has spent behind bars since his arrest on April 20, 2014.

On that Sunday, the defendant went to Olive View Hospital where he stood outside and then called 911 claiming to have a gun and that he would shoot someone, according to evidence presented in court. When police arrived at the hospital, Carnalla ran inside where he grabbed two victims who managed to escape from him, the prosecutor said.

The defendant then grabbed a nurse, wrestled her to the ground and stabbed her 12 times before another nurse was able to stop the attack, according to evidence presented in court. Following that, police officers arrested Carnalla after he resisted them, the prosecutor added.

Case PA080406 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, County Services Bureau.

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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](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.