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**Burbank Man Charged For Allegedly Punching
Elderly Shopper Over Nutella Samples**

A Burbank man was charged today for allegedly hitting a 78-year-old shopper at a warehouse store after the victim protested about how many Nutella samples the defendant had taken, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Derrick Gharabighi (dob 7/16/91) was charged in case GA097173 with one count of elder abuse with the special allegation that he personally inflicted great bodily injury on someone who is more than 70 years old.

Gharabighi is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Burbank Branch.

Deputy District Attorney Michelle Dodd of the Elder Abuse Section is prosecuting the case.

On Sept. 20, Gharabighi was at a warehouse store in Burbank when he walked up to get a Nutella waffle sample. When the elderly victim reached out, Gharabighi took all of them, Dodd said.

The victim then said he wanted one of the samples and told Gharabighi not to take so many, the prosecutor added. Gharabighi allegedly punched the man in the face. The victim was taken a nearby hospital where he was treated for his injuries.

If convicted as charged, Gharabighi faces a possible maximum sentence of more than 11 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Burbank Police Department.

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