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**Transient Charged with Hate Crime Assault
of Postal Worker**

A 60-year-old transient was charged today with physically assaulting a Hispanic postal worker in North Hollywood, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Charles Thomas Miller (dob 10/9/54) faces one count of assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury and criminal threats.

Case LA081836 includes allegations that Miller committed a hate crime and that he was convicted in 1978 for robbery.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

On Sept. 19, the defendant allegedly began yelling racial epithets at the victim as she delivered mail, prosecutors said. Miller is accused of assaulting her and then threatening to continue harming her when she managed to run into her vehicle for shelter, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 17 years and four months in state prison.

Prosecutors will request \$155,000 bail.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, North Hollywood Station.

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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.