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### **Los Angeles Firefighter, Mother Charged with Battery, Assault on Woman Feeding Stray Cats**

An off-duty engineer with the Los Angeles Fire Department and his elderly mother have been charged with beating a 47-year-old woman who was caring for stray cats in their Los Angeles neighborhood, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office announced today.

Ian Justin Eulian, 37 (dob 2/22/1976), and Lonieta Antonietta Fontaine, 70 (dob 1/28/1943), were each charged in case BA416446 with one felony count of battery with serious bodily injury and one felony count of assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury. Eulian also was charged with an enhancement for causing great bodily harm.

The felony complaint was filed for warrant on Sept. 20. Eulian is scheduled to be arraigned Oct. 17 in Dept. 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center in downtown Los Angeles. Fontaine is slated for arraignment Oct. 18 in the same location.

Eulian approached the woman, who was inside her parked car in the 2500 block of West View Street in Los Angeles, at about 12:20 a.m. on Sept. 14, 2013, and began a verbal altercation. After Eulian leaned into the victim's car and yelled at her, the victim threw small pieces of cat kibble at Eulian to push him back and he allegedly punched her. Fontaine approached the car and allegedly slapped the victim several times. Eulian then pulled the victim out of her car and allegedly punched the victim once or twice more as she fell to the ground motionless.

After the victim regained consciousness, Eulian and Fontaine helped the victim back into her car and drove the woman to her home. They told the victim that she had tripped and hit her face on the car. The incident was caught on surveillance cameras located on a nearby building.

If convicted of all charges, Eulian faces up to seven years in state prison; Fontaine faces up to four years in state prison.

The case is under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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