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Man Pleads to Making False Threat at LA County Fair

A Sylmar man has admitted to falsely warning authorities about a mass shooting threat at the Los Angeles County Fair this month, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Erik Jonathan Villaseñor, 24, pleaded no contest yesterday to one misdemeanor count of false report of emergency in a negotiated plea agreement.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Rubiya Nur immediately sentenced him to 180 days in county jail and three years of summary probation. Villaseñor also must stay away from the fairgrounds for three years.

He also is prohibited from possessing or owning deadly and dangerous weapons, subject to search and seizure conditions and prohibited from providing false information to law enforcement officials.

The defendant is required to pay \$13,346 in restitution to the Pomona Police Department.

On Sept. 13, Villaseñor emailed authorities to falsely warn of an online threat of a shooting on Sept. 15 at the fair.

Deputy District Attorney Megan Callaghan prosecuted case 9PC04361.

The case was investigated by the Pomona Police Department.

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