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Two Charged in Police Pursuit with Toddler Aboard

A North Hollywood man and a Los Angeles woman have been charged in connection with a police pursuit in which a two-year-old boy was aboard the fleeing car, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jacob Ross (dob 1/12/91) faces one count each of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle while driving recklessly, driving under the influence of a drug causing injury, grand theft of an automobile and driving or taking a vehicle without consent.

Case LA081876 also charges Ross and Destiny Dipasquale (dob 1/21/94) with one count of child abuse.

Arraignment was continued to Oct. 13 in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

On Sept. 25, Ross allegedly stole a 2007 Infinity M35 from Superior Kar in North Hollywood, prosecutors said. The car was spotted, with Ross driving and Dipasquale on the passenger side, later that day by Los Angeles police officers, prosecutors added.

Ross is charged with leading police in a pursuit which ended with a nine-car traffic collision. At the end of the pursuit, Dipasquale reportedly emerged from the vehicle carrying her two-year-old son who, unbeknownst to police, was aboard the car.

The recommended bail for Ross is \$335,000 and \$100,000 for Dipasquale.

If convicted as charged, the possible maximum sentence for Ross is more than eight years in state prison and six years in state prison for Dipasquale.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Van Nuys Station.

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