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**Palos Verdes Man Charged
With DUI Driving Rampage**

A 66-year-old man has been charged with 20 counts in connection with a 2013 DUI driving rampage through Palos Verdes, the Los Angeles County District's Attorney Office announced today.

William Thomas Kelly (dob 6/23/48) pleaded not guilty yesterday to 10 felony counts of assault with a deadly weapon, his automobile; two felony counts of criminal threats; and one felony count each of DUI causing injury and vandalism over \$400.

Kelly also was arraigned on six misdemeanor counts of hit-and-run driving. Case YA091248 was filed for warrant on Sept. 25.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled on Oct. 15 in Department 3 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch.

The rampage began when Kelly ran a cyclist off the road on Sept. 26, 2013, prosecutors said. When the bicyclist yelled at the defendant he then backed his car over the bike nearly striking the victim, prosecutors added.

Kelly continued driving as he allegedly crashed into other cars and aimed his vehicle at nine other victims. Police found him injured in his damaged car after ramming through several locked fences, prosecutors said.

Bail was set at \$520,000. If convicted of all charges, Kelly faces a maximum possible sentence of 15 years and eight months in state prison plus two years county jail.

The case remains under investigation by the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lomita Station.

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