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Man Charged in 2018 Hit-and-Run in Long Beach

A man has been charged with a road rage incident that involved two other vehicles two years ago in Long Beach, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Peter Mendoza (dob 9/17/84) was charged in case BA490035 with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon and one count of hit-and-run driving resulting in an injury to another person.

The case was filed for warrant on September 17. His arraignment is scheduled for today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney Kaveh Faturechi of the Justice System Integrity Division is prosecuting the case.

On Oct. 22, 2018, the defendant, a Downey police officer at the time who was off-duty, was driving his truck in the Lakewood area where he allegedly struck a car carrying two people on a freeway onramp, causing the driver to lose control of his car and hit another vehicle.

Mendoza allegedly fled the scene. Both drivers and their passengers suffered moderate injuries.

Prosecutors are recommending bail be set at \$110,000. If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of five years and eight months in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

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