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Man Charged in Lakewood Attack

Prosecutors today filed criminal charges against a 35-year-old Long Beach man who attacked a gas station clerk, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Mark Ashen, deputy-in-charge of the Bellflower Area Office, said Kendrick Jamar Ruth (dob 11/23/77) is charged in case VA132114 with one felony count each of assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury and mayhem.

Ruth is expected to be arraigned today in Department 3 of Los Angeles County Superior Court, Bellflower Branch.

The criminal complaint includes special allegations that the defendant personally inflicted great bodily injury on the victim, who suffered a permanent eye injury.

Ruth is accused of punching a female clerk in the face on Sept. 7 at a gas station in Lakewood.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of eight years in state prison. Prosecutors recommended that bail for the defendant be set at \$80,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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