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## **Sherman Oaks Man Sentenced for Ramming LAPD Patrol Cars**

A 26-year-old man has been sentenced to 10 years in state prison for ramming his vehicle into two Los Angeles Police Department cruisers following a pursuit in the San Fernando Valley area, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Ranna Jahanshahi said Alexander Asad (dob 9/27/91) was sentenced immediately after pleading no contest yesterday to one felony count of assault upon a peace officer.

On Oct. 31, 2016, Asad stole a vehicle from a Sherman Oaks home and soon after was pursued by police, the prosecutor said. According to evidence presented in court, the defendant drove at speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour throughout residential streets containing traffic and pedestrians in the vicinity. The defendant also drove on the wrong side of the road.

As the pursuit continued, Asad entered the 101 freeway and collided with two cars, exited the freeway and ended up driving into a cul-de-sac, the prosecutor added. Trapped in a dead end, the defendant then drove directly in the direction of a number of patrol cars colliding into the side of one and ramming into another, according to witness testimony at the preliminary hearing.

Two officers were injured in the incident.

Case LA084660 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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