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LAPD Officer Charged with Assault While On Duty

An LAPD officer has been charged with assaulting an arrestee under color of authority during an arrest in July 2012, the District Attorney's Office announced today.

LAPD Officer Mary O'Callaghan, 48 (dob 5-7-65), was charged Wednesday in a felony complaint for arrest warrant – BA417095 -- filed by prosecutors.

On July 22, 2012, LAPD officers were dispatched to Alesia Thomas' residence in the 9100 block of South Broadway Avenue to investigate possible child abandonment. After interviewing Thomas, LAPD officers placed her under arrest.

Officer O'Callaghan arrived on the scene to assist the arresting officers with placing Thomas, who was handcuffed and had leg restraints on, in a patrol car. A police cruiser's video camera captured O'Callaghan kicking Thomas in the stomach and groin area and pushing her in the throat.

While in the patrol car, Thomas lost consciousness and paramedics were called. She was transported to a hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Prosecutors declined to file an involuntary manslaughter charge, citing insufficient evidence to prove that the conduct caused Thomas' death. A coroner's report found the cause of death to be "undetermined."

Prosecutors will ask that bail for O'Callaghan be set at \$35,000. If convicted, she faces up to three years in state prison.

Arraignment information will be announced later.

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