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Rapper Coolio Charged in Firearm at LAX Case

The rapper known as Coolio was charged today after a firearm was allegedly discovered in a backpack at Los Angeles International Airport, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Artis Leon Ivey (dob 8/1/63) of Los Angeles faces one felony count of possession of a firearm by a felon with two priors.

Case SA094091 lists convictions in 2001 for carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle and possession of cocaine base in 2009.

Ivey is scheduled for arraignment today in Department W30 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch.

On September 17, a handgun was allegedly found in the defendant's bag while going through baggage screening at the airport, prosecutors said.

If convicted as charged, Ivey faces a possible maximum sentence of three years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Pacific Division.

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