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Second Man Charged With Vandalizing Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Wall

A 20-year-old man has been charged with defacing the Venice POW/MIA Mural, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Luis Daniel Medina, aka Pheb, (dob 9/16/96) of Los Angeles faces one felony count of vandalism over \$400 damage-graffiti and one misdemeanor count of possession of tools to commit vandalism or graffiti in case SA094119.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department W30 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch. The case was filed on Oct. 13.

A second man, Angel Castro, 24, was charged on July 15 with one felony count of vandalism over \$400 damage-graffiti with an allegation that he was convicted of robbery in 2015. Castro is scheduled back for a pretrial hearing on Nov. 16 in Department W82 in case SA093405.

On May 26, Medina and Castro are accused of vandalizing the Veterans Memorial Wall on the 100 block of Sunset Avenue, belonging to Metro, prosecutors said.

If convicted as charged, Medina faces more than three years in jail and Castro faces a possible maximum sentence of six years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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