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El Camino College Student Charged With Criminal Threats

An El Camino College student was charged today with making criminal threats after allegedly threatening to kill a school administrator, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

James Gustavo Lemus (dob 5/10/79) faces one felony count of criminal threats in case YA091424.

Deputy District Attorney Patrick O'Crowley said Lemus pleaded not guilty today and is due back on Nov. 4 in Department 3 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch.

On Sept. 30, Lemus threatened to kill Dr. Francisco Arce and other college administrators, prosecutors said.

Bail was set at more than \$1 million.

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

The case remains under investigation by the El Camino College Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.