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Driver Suspected in Three-Hour Chase Charged

A man suspected of leading police on a high-speed chase on Sunday across Los Angeles County was charged today with multiple counts, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Karnik Kendirian (9/25/67) is scheduled to be arraigned sometime this afternoon at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pasadena Branch, Department D in case GA097403. Prosecutors will ask that bail be set at \$125,000.

Kendirian is suspected of leading police on a nearly three-hour, 240-mile pursuit that reached speeds of up to 100 mph. The pursuit began about 5 p.m. Sunday in Pasadena. Kendirian was arrested at his Altadena home on Monday morning.

He is charged with one felony count each of evading police and making criminal threats and five misdemeanor counts of vandalism.

Kendirian is charged with drawing graffiti on a neighbor's property, then threatening the neighbor for reporting the incident. In addition, he is charged with smashing a car windshield, scratching another car door and two other acts of vandalism. The alleged vandalism counts and the criminal threat count all occurred on Oct. 24, according to the complaint.

If convicted, Kendirian faces more than three years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Pasadena Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's 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](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.