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Woman Sentenced to Prison for Carjacking, Fleeing Police

A 26-year-old woman was sentenced yesterday to six years in state prison for carjacking a person at knifepoint and leading authorities on a police pursuit, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At Thursday's court appearance, Kelsey Woods pleaded no contest to four felony counts in case KA113030: two counts of assault upon a peace officer and one count each of carjacking and fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle and driving against traffic.

The defendant also admitted a special allegation that she personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife, during the commission of the carjacking.

On July 13, Woods approached a woman with a knife in South El Monte and then took the victim's truck, prosecutors said.

Later that day, law enforcement spotted the stolen truck and attempted to pull over the defendant who was driving the vehicle, prosecutors said.

Woods did not pull over and a police pursuit began. During the pursuit, the defendant drove into oncoming traffic and did not stop at numerous stop lights.

At one point, the defendant stopped the vehicle, went into reverse and hit the patrol vehicle before she fled the scene again.

Officers continued to pursue the defendant's car into the parking lot of a Bell Gardens casino where she was ultimately apprehended, according to prosecutors.

The case was investigated by 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 protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.