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Motorist Charged With Assaulting Police Officers Near USC

A motorist was charged today with attacking police officers during an investigation of a possible stolen vehicle near the University of Southern California earlier this week, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Oscar Ovidio Diaz, (dob 10/19/85) was charged in case BA441039 with two counts of assault on a peace officer and one count of driving or taking a vehicle without consent after a prior conviction.

Prosecutors said on Oct. 27, two Los Angeles police officers made contact with Diaz near Magnolia Avenue and 27th Street after finding that the vehicle he was driving had been reported stolen. Diaz got out of the car and is accused of not complying with the officers' orders.

Diaz allegedly had a knife and cut both officers as they tried to subdue him. During the struggle, one of the officers shot and wounded Diaz.

The criminal complaint alleges Diaz has prior convictions for burglary and driving or taking a vehicle without consent.

Prosecutors are recommending bail be set at \$170,000. Arraignment is expected at a later date.

If convicted as charged, Diaz faces a possible maximum sentence of more than 12 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles 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](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.