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Former Long Beach Police Detective Arrested, Charged with Assault

A former Long Beach police detective was arrested today on charges he assaulted and threatened his estranged wife's boyfriend and dragged her from the residence, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Toby Benskin (dob 12/31/81) has been charged in case BA451202 with nine felony counts, including three counts of assault with a firearm, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon, and one count each of assault by means like to produce great bodily injury, making criminal threats, first-degree burglary with a person present and false imprisonment by violence.

Benskin is being held on \$200,000 bail. Currently, he is scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney Dan Akemon with the Justice System Integrity Division is prosecuting the case.

Benskin allegedly broke into the residence of his estranged wife's boyfriend on Oct. 27, 2015. He allegedly assaulted and threatened to kill the man before threatening the man's roommate, who came to see what was happening. Benskin then allegedly forcibly dragged his wife from the residence.

If convicted, Benskin faces up to 25 years, eight months in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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