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Three Sentenced for Paintball Shootings in Torrance

Two men and a woman entered no contest pleas today for shooting two people with a paintball gun, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Lynn Emerson Johnson III, 21, of Hawthorne and Tyler James Walters, 21, of Torrance both pleaded to one felony count of mayhem. Walters also pleaded no contest to one felony count of assault with a deadly weapon and admitted personally using a deadly and dangerous weapon, a paintball gun.

Deputy District Attorney Alexander Bott said the third codefendant, Gabriella Lorraine Semana, 19, of San Pedro, pleaded to one felony count of assault with a deadly weapon, a paintball gun.

Walters was immediately sentenced to six years in state prison and Johnson was sentenced to four years in prison. Semana was sentenced to six months in jail and three years of felony probation.

On Feb. 4, the three defendants drove around Torrance as Walters shot paintballs at a man and a teenager who were walking in separate locations, the prosecutor said. The man was seriously injured in one eye, the prosecutor added.

Case YA097644 was investigated by the Torrance Police Department.

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