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**Man Charged for Police Pursuit
Into Manhattan Beach Pier**

A Cypress man was charged today in connection with a police pursuit which ended with a crash at the Manhattan Beach Pier, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Devin Ashley Chavez (dob 2/6/86) faces one felony count each of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle and driving against traffic and fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle while driving recklessly.

Case YA091541 also charges Chavez with one misdemeanor count each of driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and possessing a controlled substance, cocaine.

Chavez pleaded not guilty to the charges today and is scheduled to return to court on Nov. 25 in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch.

On Nov. 6, police attempted to pull over Chavez as he drove in the dark with his headlights off, prosecutors said. Chavez began speeding, crashed through a barrier at the pier and finally stopped after slamming into a concrete bench, prosecutors added.

Bail was set at \$150,000. If convicted as charged, Chavez faces a maximum possible penalty of four years and six months in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Manhattan Beach 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 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.