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## Transient Charged with Attacking Actress

A transient was charged today with attacking and threatening actress Pauley Perrette in Hollywood on Thursday, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

David Merck (dob 11/12/70) is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center in case BA441467. Prosecutors will ask that bail be set at \$60,000.

Merck allegedly grabbed the actress, one of the stars on NCIS, punched her and threatened to kill her before running off. He was arrested about an hour later. He is charged with one felony count each of making a criminal threat and false imprisonment by violence.

If convicted, Merck faces up to four years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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## About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

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.