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“Diaper Bandit” Charged with Robbing Stores in Long Beach

A 23-year-old man was charged today with stealing diapers from a several stores and leading police on a pursuit, resulting in the injury of a child, the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office announced.

Darrion Tyrone Parker (dob 3/25/94) of Los Angeles pleaded not guilty to eight felony counts in case NA107882: six counts of second-degree robbery and one count each of fleeing a pursuing peace officer’s motor vehicle causing serious bodily injury and resisting an executive officer.

Prosecutors said between December 2016 and November 2017, Parker allegedly pilfered diapers with the threat of force from several super markets and retail stores in the Long Beach area.

On Nov. 15, a store employee reportedly confronted Parker in the parking lot about stealing merchandise before the defendant fled the location.

Authorities were notified and a police pursuit began, prosecutors said. During the chase, Parker allegedly crashed his vehicle into another car and severely injured a 6-year-old passenger.

Following the collision, Parker reportedly attempted to escape on foot but was ultimately apprehended and taken into custody, prosecutors added.

The defendant is scheduled to return to court on Nov. 29 for a prehearing conference in Department SO1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 18 years in state prison.

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

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