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Man Charged with Killing Dog in Long Beach

A 27-year-old man accused of killing a friend's dog pleaded not guilty today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Rubin Powell III (dob 9/3/87) has been charged with a felony count of cruelty to an animal in case NA100543.

At today's arraignment, the defendant appeared before Judge Arthur Jean at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Long Beach.

Deputy District Attorney Paul Guthrie, who is prosecuting the case, said on Aug. 11 a person reportedly observed Powell kick a dog down a flight of stairs at an apartment building. The person then called police.

When authorities arrived at Powell's home to investigate, they discovered a dead dog. The defendant was immediately arrested in connection with the incident, but was released on \$20,000 bail.

The prosecutor said the deceased dog was a Beagle named Sage and his owner was Powell's friend.

The defendant is scheduled to return to court on Dec. 2 for a preliminary hearing setting at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Long Beach in Department 1.

If convicted as charged, Powell faces a maximum sentence of three years in county jail.

The case is being investigated by Long Beach Animal Care Services.

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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.