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Two Charged with Theft of a Vehicle Part Stemming from Paul Walker's Fatal Collision

Prosecutors today filed criminal charges against two men accused of stealing a vehicle part from the wrecked Porsche Carrera GT in which actor Paul Walker died, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Sera Boyadjian of the San Fernando Branch Office said Jameson Brooks Witty, 18 (dob 11/18/95), and Anthony Edward Janow, 25 (dob 6/1/88), are charged with one felony count of grand theft of personal property.

Witty and Janow also are charged with two misdemeanor counts each of destroying evidence and resisting, obstructing and delaying a peace officer.

Janow is expected to surrender tomorrow in Dept. S of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch. Witty, who was in custody but bailed out, has a return date of Jan. 3, 2014. The men are charged in case PA079026.

Prosecutors allege that on the evening of Nov. 30 the men stole a roof panel from a tow truck carrying the demolished vehicle that was stopped at a red light in Valencia.

The alleged theft occurred after Witty and Janow were told by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy they could not take any part of the vehicle, prosecutors said.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Deputy District Attorney Bradley Lieberman is assigned to the case.

If convicted as charged, Witty and Janow face a maximum sentence of four years, six months in county jail.

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