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## **Domestic Violence Charges Filed Against TV Reporter**

Prosecutors have filed felony charges against a television reporter allegedly involved in two separate domestic altercations, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Lou Holtz said Carlos Zapata (dob 7/23/63) of Sherman Oaks is facing two counts of injuring a spouse.

Case LA079898, which was filed yesterday, also alleges one of the felony counts resulted in great bodily injury.

Arraignment is scheduled at 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 24 in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

Zapata, a local reporter for MundoFox 22, threw a flower pot at his wife's head causing serious injuries during an argument on Dec. 3, the prosecutor said. After the defendant was arrested, the victim reported a Nov. 4 attack, which was the result of another argument, the prosecutor added.

If convicted as charged, Zapata faces a possible maximum sentence of 10 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Van Nuys Division.

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