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**Orange County Man Charged
With Assault, Impersonating an Officer**

An Orange County man suspected of assaulting two women while pretending to be a police officer is awaiting arraignment today on charges, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Joseph Christoph Moore (dob 1/3/76) is scheduled to be arraigned sometime after 1:30 p.m. at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30, in case BA442110. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$1.2 million.

Deputy District Attorney Lowrie Mendoza with the Sex Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

The Anaheim resident is charged with six counts, including one felony count each of assault with intent to commit a felony, criminal threats and false imprisonment by violence. He also is charged with three misdemeanors, including two counts of unlawful use of badge and one count of sexual battery. The complaint alleges personal use of a gun and prior convictions.

He is suspected of stopping two women in separate incidents in the Hollywood area by claiming to be a police officer. The first alleged incident occurred on Nov. 24 in the 6100 block of De Longpre Avenue when he allegedly pulled a gun and threatened the woman after fondling her. The second alleged incident occurred on Nov. 30 in the 500 block of Kingsley Drive in East Hollywood. In both incidents, he allegedly flashed a badge.

If convicted, Moore faces up to life in state prison.

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

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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 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.