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Man Sentenced to Nearly Four Years in Prison For Stealing Ambulance

A man has been sentenced to nearly four years in state prison for stealing an ambulance and leading police on a pursuit that ended in a crash, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Mohamed Ali-Majad Zahr, 21, pleaded no contest yesterday to one count each of carjacking and evading arrest and was immediately sentenced to three years and eight months in prison.

Deputy District Attorney Michael Dean said paramedics were treating Zahr on Oct. 19 in downtown Los Angeles when he unbuckled himself from a gurney in the ambulance and ran away. A short time later, a woman was sitting in her Toyota Camry when Zahr approached the vehicle and tried to get inside, the prosecutor said.

Zahr fled after the woman honked her horn and he ran back toward the ambulance. He got behind the wheel and drove away after the paramedics were able to jump out of the ambulance's rear compartment.

Zahr drove erratically into opposing traffic lanes and at a high rate of speed, the prosecutor added. Zahr eventually collided with a white van, injuring two people.

A restitution hearing is set for Feb. 18.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

Editor's Note: An amended complaint now reflects Zahr as the defendant's last name.

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