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Pennsylvania Man Charged with Vandalism of Beverly Hills Synagogue

A 24-year-old man has been charged with vandalizing the Nessah Synagogue in Beverly Hills earlier this month, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Anton Nathaniel Redding (dob 12/28/94) of Millersville, Pa. faces one felony count each of vandalism of religious property and second-degree burglary.

Deputy District Attorney Rachel Hardiman said the criminal complaint includes a hate crime allegation.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges today and is scheduled to return on Jan. 30 in Department W31 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch. Case SA101904 was filed for warrant on Dec. 18.

Redding allegedly broke into the synagogue on Dec. 14 and damaged property and holy books, the prosecutor said. Following the charged crimes, the defendant went to LAX and flew to Hawaii, the prosecutor added.

If convicted as charged, Redding faces a possible maximum sentence of six years in state prison. Bail is set at \$250,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Beverly Hills Police Department.

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