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Man Charged with Animal Cruelty, Battery in Long Beach

An 18-year-old man has been charged with striking a man and killing the victim's parrot Tuesday night, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At today's court appearance, Edward Cervantes (dob 6/26/99) pleaded not guilty to two counts in case NA108127: felony cruelty to an animal and misdemeanor battery. His bail was set at \$20,000.

Prosecutors said at the time of the alleged crime, Cervantes had been staying at a home for several months in the 1300 block of East Ocean Boulevard in Long Beach.

On the evening of Dec. 26, Cervantes allegedly had an exchange with his host and struck him several times, prosecutors said. The defendant then reportedly assaulted and killed the host's yellow-headed amazon parrot, prosecutors added.

Soon after the attack, authorities located Cervantes and took him into custody, according to prosecutors.

The defendant is scheduled to return to court on Jan. 8 for a pre-preliminary hearing in Department SO1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch.

If convicted as charged, he faces a maximum possible sentence of three years and six months in jail.

The case is being investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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