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## **Lancaster Man Charged with Attempted Murder of Wife on Christmas Day**

A Lancaster man has been charged with shooting his wife during a Christmas Day argument, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Paul Moll said Thomas Richard Silas (dob 12/1/50) faces one count of attempted murder in case MA064997.

The complaints filed yesterday contains allegations of domestic violence with great bodily injury and use of a handgun.

Arraignment is scheduled this morning in Department A01 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

Soon after midnight on Dec. 25, the defendant is accused of shooting his wife three times following an argument over finances, the prosecutor said.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 32 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster Station.

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