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Man Charged for Beating Death of 2-Year-Old Boy in Long Beach

An Inglewood man was charged today with murdering a 2-year-old boy outside a liquor store in Long Beach last summer, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Charles Davis (dob 3/8/87) was charged in case NA113677 with one count each of murder and assault on a child causing death. He is expected to be arraigned today in Department S01 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch.

Deputy District Attorney Colby Cano of the Family Violence Division, Complex Child Abuse Section, is prosecuting the case.

On June 14, 2019, paramedics responded to a 911 call at the intersection of 10th Street and Daisy Avenue in Long Beach where a group had congregated that included the defendant and the victim's mother.

Two-year-old William Meeks III was found unresponsive and taken to a nearby hospital where he died two days later.

The boy died from injuries allegedly inflicted by the defendant, the prosecutor said.

Prosecutors are recommending bail be set at \$2 million. If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of life in prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Long Beach Police Department.

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