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Man Charged With Breaking Into LAPD Car in Hollywood

Charges were filed today against a 27-year-old man accused of smashing the windows of a Los Angeles Police Department car in broad daylight and stealing the officers' laptop computer in Hollywood, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Leyston Rice (dob 11/15/86) was charged in case BA421404 with one count each of vandalism, burglary from a vehicle and grand theft. Arraignment is expected this afternoon in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney Kaarin Axelsen said two LAPD officers had parked their patrol car in front of the Hollywood & Highland Center on Tuesday afternoon. When the officers returned, they found five of the car's windows broken. Area security officers had already detained Rice.

Witnesses, including a local news crew, videotaped the incident. Rice can be seen using metal stakes to smash the windows and then removing the computer from the car, the prosecutor said. The initial damage estimate to the patrol car is more than \$2,600.

If convicted of all counts, Rice faces up to three years in jail.

The Los Angeles Police Department investigated the case.

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