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Homeless Man Charged with Theft of Special Needs Bike

A transient has been charged with stealing a German three-wheel bicycle custom made for a teen with cerebral palsy, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Susan Steinfeld said Carlos Andres Lopez (dob 4/3/69) faces one felony count each of first-degree residential burglary, grand theft of personal property exceeding \$950 and second-degree vehicle burglary.

Case GA098156 includes allegations that Lopez has been previously convicted in nine separate cases between 1991 and 2011 for felonies that included grand theft, unlawful taking of a vehicle and first-degree residential burglary.

The case was filed yesterday and arraignment is scheduled today in Department 1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Burbank Branch.

Lopez is accused of going into a residential parking structure on Clyborn Street in Burbank between Jan. 15 and Jan. 26, and stealing the special needs bicycle worth more than \$5,000, the prosecutor said. Lopez also is charged with stealing a sewing machine from the camper shell of a Ford Ranger, the prosecutor added.

The recommended bail is \$130,000.

Lopez faces a possible maximum sentence of 27 years and four months in state prison if convicted as charged.

The case remains under investigation by the Burbank Police Department.

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