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**CORRECTION: Corrects defendant's job title.**

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## **Saugus Man Charged with Crashing into Parked Car, Fleeing Scene**

A Saugus man has been charged with crashing into a parked car and fleeing the scene, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Ellsworth S. Fortman (dob 12/13/65) of Saugus faces one misdemeanor count each of hit-and-run driving resulting in property damage and driving a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license.

An arraignment date is yet to be scheduled for case OSC01675.

On January 26, Fortman allegedly crashed into a parked car while driving his personal vehicle at an unsafe speed, prosecutors said. The defendant, a Los Angeles Fire Department assistant chief, is charged with then fleeing the location of the crash and driving to his home, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, Fortman faces a possible maximum sentence of one year in jail.

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

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