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## **Woman Charged with Threatening Glendora School**

A 39-year-old woman pleaded not guilty yesterday to posing as a teenager and sending threatening letters to a Catholic school, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Magaly Esmeralda Alvarenga (dob 11/7/78) has been charged with eight counts in case KA118228: three counts of criminal threats, three counts of false personation, and two counts of attempted false imprisonment by violence by fraud.

At Tuesday's court appearance, the defendant's bail was set at \$700,000.

Prosecutors said between December 2017 and May 2018, Alvarenga allegedly sent several alarming letters to St. Lucy's Catholic School in Glendora and signed the documents with the initials of a student.

On May 10 and May 23, the defendant reportedly sent two additional letters which allegedly contained white powder and drugs, prosecutors added.

After further investigation, police located Alvarenga and arrested her in connection with the crimes.

The defendant is scheduled to return to court on June 8 for a preliminary hearing in Department 11 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, West Covina Branch.

If convicted as charged, Alvarenga faces a maximum possible sentence of seven years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Glendora Police Department.

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