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Actor Charged With Raping Three Women

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey announced today that actor Daniel Masterson has been charged with forcibly raping three women in separate incidents occurring between 2001 and 2003.

Masterson (dob 3/13/76) was charged in case BA487932 with three counts of rape by force or fear. The case was filed for warrant yesterday.

Arraignment is scheduled for September 18 in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

The defendant is accused of raping a 23-year-old woman between January and December 2001, according to the complaint.

In April 2003, Masterson allegedly raped a 28-year-old woman and sometime between October and December of that year he is accused of raping a 23-year-old woman who he had invited to his Hollywood Hills home.

Deputy District Attorney Reinhold Mueller of the Sex Crimes Division, who is prosecuting the case, said all of the alleged crimes occurred at the defendant's home.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 45 years to life in state prison.

Additionally, the District Attorney's Office declined to file sexual assault charges against Masterson in two other cases, one for insufficient evidence and the other based upon the statute of limitations for the crime alleged.

The case remains under investigation by Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery-Homicide Division.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.