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Lancaster Man Charged with Serial Rapes

A Lancaster man was charged today with sexually assaulting four women beginning in 2009, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

James Smith (dob 8/15/78) is scheduled to be arraigned sometime after 2 p.m. at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$5.1 million.

Deputy District Attorney Lowrie Mendoza with the Sex Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

Smith was charged in case BA426228 with two counts of forcible rape, and one count each of forcible oral copulation, sexual penetration by a foreign object, sodomy by use of force and attempted sodomy by use of force.

Smith is charged with sexually assaulting a 20-year-old woman on Dec. 24, 2009; a 43-year-old woman on Sept. 24, 2011; and a 33-year-old woman on March 23, 2012, all in the Los Angeles area.

Smith was arrested Monday by Sheriff's deputies after he allegedly abducted a 19-year-old female college student in Lancaster and sexually assaulted her.

If convicted as charged, Smith is facing up to life in state prison.

The Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery/Homicide Division and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department are investigating the case.

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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 seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.