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Additional Sexual Assault Charges Filed Against Former UCLA Doctor

An obstetrician-gynecologist formerly employed by the University of California, Los Angeles now faces a total of 20 felony counts charging him with sexually assaulting seven patients, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Morgan Mallory said James Mason Heaps (dob 10/27/56) of Woodland Hills was charged last year with two counts of sexual battery by fraud and one count of sexual exploitation of patients.

Today, case SA100560 was amended to include eight additional counts of sexual battery by fraud, two additional counts of sexual exploitation of a patient as well as seven counts of sexual penetration of a person unconscious of the nature of the act by fraudulent representation.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the added charges today and is scheduled to return on September 15 in Department W31 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch.

Heaps is charged with sexual assaults dating back to 2011 and up to 2018, according to the criminal complaint.

Bail is set at \$650,000. If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of more than 67 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

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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.