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Rapper Charged with Hatchet Assault

The rap artist known as Silento has been charged with threatening two strangers with a hatchet last weekend, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Richard Lamar Hawk aka Silento (dob 1/22/98) of Santa Ana faces two felony counts of assault with a deadly weapon with allegations of using a hatchet as a deadly and dangerous weapon and the crime was committed while out on bail or his own recognizance for an arrest in Santa Ana.

Arraignment is scheduled tomorrow in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch. Case LA093311 was filed on September 1.

Hawk reportedly walked into an unlocked stranger's home in Valley Village and attempted to strike the two people in the home with a hatchet before one of them managed to disarm him, prosecutors said.

Bail is set at \$105,000. If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of six years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, North Hollywood Station.

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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.