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Former Manager at Police Academy Gun Store Charged With Stealing Guns, Unlawfully Selling to Others

A former civilian manager of a gun store at the Los Angeles Police Academy has been charged with stealing more than 20 weapons and then illegally selling them, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Archi Duenas (dob 8/25/86) was charged in case BA489891 with one felony count each of grand theft of a firearm, grand theft by embezzlement and illegal possession of an assault weapon. He also faces 22 counts of unlawful selling or transferring of a firearm without a license and one count of carrying a loaded and concealed firearm in a vehicle, all misdemeanors.

The case was filed for warrant on September 10. His arraignment is scheduled for today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Duenas is accused of taking at least 21 guns from the academy, also known as the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club, over a two-year period, beginning in early 2018. The private club is run by civilian employees and primarily used by law enforcement officers.

The defendant then allegedly sold the guns to others and profited from the sales.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 12 1/2 years in custody.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Commercial Crimes Division, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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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.