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## **Man Charged With Attempted Murder, Hate Crime of 2 Transgender Women in MacArthur Park**

A man was charged today for allegedly trying to kill two transgender woman in separate incidents in the Westlake District over the past three months, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Donoban Fonseca (dob 9/16/96) was charged with three counts each of attempted murder, conspiracy to dissuade a witness, attempting to dissuade a witness and two counts of extortion.

Case BA490788 also includes allegations that the crimes committed were hate crimes and for the benefit of a gang.

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

Deputy District Attorneys Richard Ceballos and Steve Mac are prosecuting the case.

On August 21, the defendant is accused of participating in the stabbing of a transgender woman in MacArthur Park. On September 1, the same victim was again allegedly stabbed in the park.

Last week, the defendant also allegedly took part in another stabbing of a transgender woman in the park.

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

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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