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**Man Pleads No Contest to Vandalizing Trump
Hollywood Walk of Fame Star**

A Glendale man entered a no contest plea today for vandalizing President Donald Trump's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame this summer, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Austin Mikel Clay, 24, pleaded to one felony count of vandalism causing over \$400 in damage, according to Deputy District Attorney Jeff Megee.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Kerry Bensinger immediately sentenced Clay to three years of formal probation, one day in county jail and 20 days of community labor. He also was ordered to attend psychological counseling and pay restitution of \$9,404.46 to the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce under the negotiated plea agreement.

On July 25, Clay used a pickaxe to smash the star located on Hollywood Boulevard. The defendant left the scene but turned himself in to police the following day.

Case BA470178 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, 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.