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Man Charged in Hate Crime Attack Near Hancock Park Synagogue

A Seattle man was charged today with a hate crime attack for allegedly trying to hit two men leaving a synagogue with his vehicle last week in Hancock Park, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Mohamed Abdi Mohamed (dob 1/1/86) faces two felony counts of assault with a deadly weapon, a vehicle, as well as a hate crime allegation in case BA473133. He is expected to be arraigned this afternoon in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On Nov. 23, Mohamed allegedly yelled religious epithets at the victims out of his car window and attempted to hit them with the vehicle on North La Brea Avenue at Oakwood Avenue, said Deputy District Attorney Richard Ceballos of the Organized Crime Division. The victims, who were walking on a sidewalk, were unharmed.

The defendant then allegedly fled but collided with another vehicle a couple of blocks away, the prosecutor said. Mohamed was arrested shortly after the crash.

He faces a possible maximum sentence of eight years and eight months in state prison if convicted as charged. The prosecutor is requesting that bail be set at \$500,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Major Crimes Division.

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