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Man Charged with Child Abuse After Boy Shoots Mom

A man was charged today after a 4-year-old boy was able to access his shotgun and shot the child's mother, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Brandon Gilbert Ambriz (dob 4/22/94) of Norwalk faces four counts of child abuse and one count of possession of a firearm by a felon.

Case VA149769 includes allegations that Ambriz was convicted of two burglaries, carrying a concealed dirk or dagger and accessory after the fact between 2013 and 2017.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Bellflower Branch.

The defendant allegedly left the shotgun in a vehicle in which children were regularly driven, prosecutors said. On Jan. 23, the 4-year-old shot his mother while she was in the driver's seat and he was in the back. Three other children in the vehicle were not injured, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, Ambriz faces a possible maximum sentence of more than 25 years in state prison. Bail is scheduled at \$575,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Norwalk Station.

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