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Man Charged in Case of Disturbance at Downey Hospital

A man that allegedly caused a disturbance at a Downey hospital, causing an evacuation, was charged today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jesus Rafael Chavez (dob 12/25/84) of Lynwood faces two counts of having a concealed firearm and one count of vandalism over \$400.

Case VA148730 includes an allegation of being armed with a handgun.

The defendant pleaded not guilty and is scheduled to return on Sept. 25 in Department J of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch.

On Sept. 11, Chavez allegedly began throwing items in a waiting room at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Downey through windows and glass enclosures, prosecutors said. The defendant is alleged to have then pulled out a handgun, causing the hospital to be evacuated, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, Chavez faces a possible maximum sentence of four years in state prison. Bail is set at \$100,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Downey Police Department.

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