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**Man Charged with Attempted Murder,  
Aggravated Mayhem in Domestic Violence Attack**

A 19-year-old man accused of viciously stabbing his girlfriend while in a car pleaded not guilty today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Martin Gallegos (dob 9/15/97) of Pomona has been charged with five felony counts in case KA113512: one count each of attempted murder, aggravated mayhem, and assault with a deadly weapon and two counts of injuring a girlfriend.

The felony complaint includes special allegations that the defendant personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife, during the commission of the crime and that he committed great bodily injury on the victim under circumstances involving domestic violence.

Gallegos is due back on Dec. 19 in Department F of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch.

Deputy District Attorney John Thibodeau of the Victim Impact Program, who is assigned to the case, said on the evening of Sept. 17 police responded to a call regarding a car crash.

When authorities arrived, they found a vehicle that had struck a pole and an 18-year-old woman suffering from serious stab wounds in the middle of the street, according to the prosecutor.

The victim was taken to the hospital for medical treatment, the prosecutor said. During the investigation, authorities found Gallegos near the car and arrested him in connection with the incident.

Gallegos also is alleged to have attacked the same victim on July 28, the prosecutor added.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 15 years to life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Pomona Police Department.

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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.