

Deputy facing charges in connection with beating of girlfriend, and lighting her hair on fire

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A Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy is facing domestic battery and assault charges after authorities say he beat his girlfriend and lit her hair on fire.

Alejandro Flores, 33, was charged Monday with three felony counts of domestic battery with corporal injury, two felony counts of assault with a force likely to produce great bodily injury and a felony count each of aggravated assault, criminal threats, dissuading a witnesses and false imprisonment, according to an Orange County District Attorney's office statement.

Prosecutors say the alleged victim is Flores' girlfriend, who lived with him and a 2-year-old at a residence in Buena Park. Due to the nature of the allegations, authorities are not identifying the woman, or specifying the relationship, if any, between the child and Flores.

Authorities allege that in October of 2014 Flores struck his girlfriend in the face, breaking her nose. Police were not notified at the time.

On June 28, prosecutors say, Flores and his girlfriend got in an argument about the child's pacifier. During the argument, authorities allege, Flores pushed the woman into a wall, hit her on the top of her head with his fist and grabbed her neck, knocking her to the ground.

Flores is then suspected of dragging the woman into their kitchen, holding her over the stove and turning on a gas burner. Investigators believe the woman's hair caught fire.

Prosecutors allege that after the fire was extinguished, Flores warned the woman against leaving or calling authorities, threw a phone at her, turned up the volume on a television to drown out her screams, and threatened her with his off-duty firearm.

According to the DA statement, the woman left the Buena Park home with her child the next day while Flores was at work and told two relatives what had happened. The family members contacted the Buena Park Police Department, who arrested Flores.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department did not immediately respond to request for comment about Flores' job status.

If convicted, Flores faces up to 25 years and eight months in prison. He is scheduled to appear in court Tuesday for an arraignment.

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