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District Attorney Charges Man for Firing Gun During Protest at Mayor Gloria's Home

San Diego County District Attorney Summer Stephan filed felony charges today against a man who clashed with protesters near San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria's home and fired a gun near the crowd last year. Lonnie James Crawford, 37, was arraigned today and charged with discharging a firearm in a grossly negligent manner and unlawful possession of a firearm and a controlled substance. If convicted on both charges, Crawford faces up to four years, eight months in prison.

The charges stem from an incident on the evening of August 30 last year, when a group of people gathered outside of Mayor Gloria's home to protest. Crawford drove his truck through the crowd of protesters and had a verbal altercation with them. He then entered a nearby apartment building and came out a short time later, firing at least one shot into the air. No one was hit by gunfire and no one was injured.

"These felony charges reflect the seriousness of the defendant's actions and the danger he posed to the protesters who were clearly victimized by his actions," said DA Stephan. "I want to be clear that everyone's right to protest peacefully must be safeguarded and anyone who harms that right through illegal conduct will face consequences."

The DA reminded the public that victims of crime can contact the office's *Victim Services Division* for support and assistance.

The DA's Office has filed criminal charges in several protest related cases, including Antifa members for criminal actions on an [organized protest](#) in Pacific Beach and for the [Imperial Beach assault](#) of two men participating in a peaceful Black Lives Matter protest.

Crawford pleaded not guilty at arraignment today and is scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing on April 28.

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About the San Diego County District Attorney's Office

The San Diego County DA's Office prosecutes all felony crimes in the county and misdemeanor crimes committed outside the City of San Diego. The office files about 40,000 criminal cases a year and balances prosecution with numerous crime prevention programs. District Attorney Summer Stephan leads the office of more than 1,000 dedicated employees who pursue fair and equal justice, and support victims daily across San Diego County.