

Long Beach Trucking Company Accused of Violating Weight Regulations

The Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office files a 58-count criminal complaint Tuesday, January 10, in Los Angeles County Superior Court against Pacific Coast Container, a San Leandro based carrier, for illegally transporting overweight shipments in violation of the California Vehicle Code.

The complaint also charges Umex Freight Systems, Inc., a Rancho Dominguez based carrier, and 10 employees of the corporation responsible for overweight shipping.

If convicted of all charges, the defendants could be ordered to pay \$153,193.00, plus penalties and assessments. Penalties and assessments could double the amount.

Law enforcement officials and prosecutors met with corporate representatives in 2010. Instead of abiding with state weight limits, Pacific Coast Container received even more citations resulting in the filing of the 58 count criminal complaint.

"Pacific Coast Container is by far the most egregious violator we have seen," said Deputy City Prosecutor Chad Salzman, who is handling the case. "The vast majority of companies are complying with the law, and it is unfair to them if Pacific Coast Container continues to blatantly disregard laws designed for public safety."