

King arrested for trying to run down officer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rodney King, whose videotaped beating by police officers sparked national outrage, was arrested after trying to run down an undercover officer who saw a prostitute get into his truck, authorities said Wednesday.

Police Chief Daryl F. Gates, meanwhile, said Wednesday he would resign if an independent

commission investigating King's March 3 beating found he had created a climate in the Los Angeles Police Department that let the beating happen.

In the latest incident, King, 26, was arrested for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon on an officer late Tuesday. He was released after seven hours, said police spokesman Bill Frio.

The alleged prostitute, a man dressed as a woman, was in King's Chevrolet Blazer but wasn't arrested, Frio said.

Gates told a radio interviewer there was insufficient evidence to arrest King for investigation of soliciting a prostitute.

King wasn't booked on any charge, and the case was referred to the district attorney's office to determine whether

there was enough evidence for charges to be filed. District attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said prosecutors did not immediately receive paperwork to evaluate the case.

King's lawyer, Steve Lerman, said, "It is obvious that Mr. King is a very upset and confused person and certainly regrets this incident."

The beating of King, who is

black, by four white Los Angeles Police Department officers was captured on videotape by an amateur cameraman. The tape and its repeated use on national television led to a U.S. Justice Department review of police brutality nationwide.

King has filed an \$81 million negligence claim against the city and the police department.

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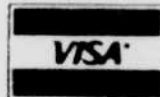
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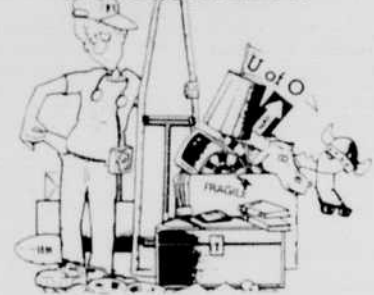


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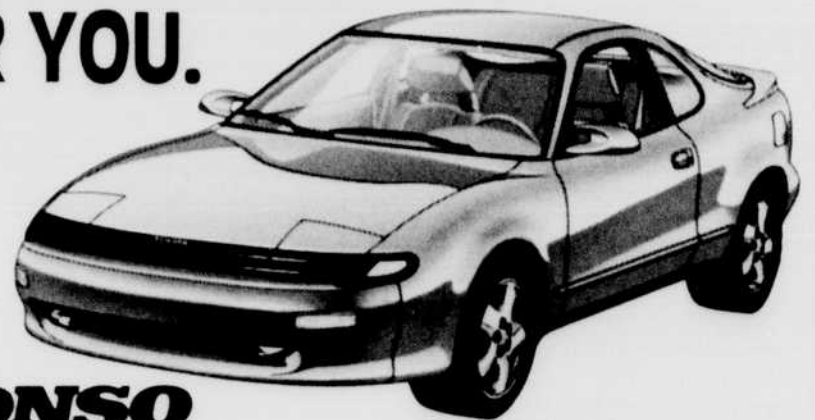
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