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**Man Sentenced to Prison for  
Killing Woman Over a Parking Spot**

A 23-year-old man was sentenced today to 13 years in state prison for killing a woman at a Santa Fe Springs swap meet parking lot, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Aug. 14, a jury found defendant Reggie Cervantes guilty of one felony count of voluntary manslaughter in case VA137338.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge John A. Torribio also found true that the defendant was previously convicted of second-degree robbery in 2009 and receiving stolen property exceeding \$950 in value in 2010.

Deputy District Attorney Andrea Mader, who prosecuted the case, said on Oct. 17, 2014, the victim, Elizabeth Yanez, drove to a Santa Fe Springs swap meet with her two adult children.

As the family was looking for a parking spot, Yanez reportedly got into an argument with Cervantes, who was in a separate vehicle.

At some point, Cervantes exited his car, walked over to Yanez and stabbed her.

After the assault, Cervantes fled the scene. Authorities were called and Yanez was taken to a hospital, where she later died of other causes.

A day after the stabbing, police located Cervantes and he was arrested in connection with the incident.

The case was investigated by the Whittier 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 seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.