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## **Glendale Firefighter Charged with Domestic Violence Murder**

***The defendant faces 26 years to life in prison if convicted as charged***

LOS ANGELES – A Glendale firefighter-paramedic was charged today with the domestic violence murder of his wife at their North Hollywood home earlier this week.

"The domestic violence death of Mayra Jimenez is a devastating reminder of the persistent scourge of intimate partner violence in our communities," said Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan J. Hochman. "No one, including those sworn to protect others, is above the law, and we will hold the defendant accountable for this horrific crime and bring justice to Ms. Jimenez and her loved ones. Too often, cases of domestic violence go unreported and have the potential to end tragically, as in this instance. I want to urge anyone experiencing or witnessing domestic abuse to contact the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 978-3600."

Andrew Jimenez (dob 10/22/80) is charged with one count of murder with an allegation of using an axe as a deadly weapon.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

The victim was found deceased in the couple's home on Jan. 21.

If convicted as charged, Jimenez faces 26 years to life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorneys Chelsea Blatt and Kelsey McKeever-Unger of the Family Violence Division are prosecuting the case. It remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

*The charges filed in this case are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.*