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## **Woodland Hills Woman Ordered to Stand Trial for Mother's Murder**

A 25-year-old woman was ordered to stand trial today for the fatal shooting of her mother in Woodland Hills, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Laura L. Purviance was held to answer to one count of murder with a special circumstance allegation of lying in wait following a preliminary hearing presided by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Michael Kellogg.

Purviance will be arraigned on Feb. 18 in Department E of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

The defendant allegedly shot and killed her 61-year-old mother, Caroline Purviance, on Feb. 13, 2013.

The felony complaint, case LA073342, also alleges that Purviance personally and intentionally discharged a handgun.

The special circumstance allegation makes this a potential death penalty case. Prosecutors will decide later whether to seek the death penalty.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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