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**San Pedro Man Pleads to
Animal Cruelty, Burglary Charges**

A San Pedro man was sentenced today to four years in state prison after pleading guilty to animal cruelty and burglary charges, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Christopher Alexander Caceres, 22, was convicted of one count each of cruelty to an animal and first-degree burglary, person present. The defendant was immediately sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Laura Laesecke at the Long Beach Courthouse.

Prosecutors said that between August and November 2013, a family would continuously hear their dog yelp at night and suspected prowlers entered the backyard.

The homeowner installed a surveillance camera and discovered an unknown man climbing the backyard fence and sexually assaulting the family dog, according to prosecutors.

The homeowner created flyers with images of the man and distributed them around the neighborhood. A person was able to identify Caceres in the pictures and authorities arrested him.

During police the investigation, it also was revealed that Caceres broke into another residential property and stole alcohol from the home.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles 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. Annually, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecutes more than 60,000 felonies and 140,000 misdemeanor crimes.