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**Woman Sentenced to Prison for  
Killing Elderly Man at Metro Blue Line Station**

A 25-year-old woman was sentenced today to 17 years in state prison for fatally beating an elderly man following a dispute in South L.A., the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Sept. 8, 2015, a jury found Tracy Joy Gomez guilty of voluntary manslaughter in case TA134727.

Deputy District Attorney Shannon Cooley, who prosecuted the case, said on the afternoon of June 13, 2014, Gomez got into an argument with John Whitmore, 65, on the Metro Blue Line platform in Willowbrook.

During the fight, Gomez beat Whitmore, the prosecutor said, and then fled the scene.

Authorities were called and the victim was taken to a hospital for treatment. Seven days later, Whitmore died from his injuries.

An investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department led deputies to Gomez and she was arrested and charged.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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