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## **Palmdale Man Pleads to Abusing Dog, Killing Another**

A 23-year-old man pleaded no contest today to beating and kicking two family pets at his Palmdale home, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Amarilla Blondia said Andres Garcia entered the plea to one felony count of cruelty to an animal in case MA066852.

Garcia is scheduled to be sentenced on April 19 in Department A17 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

The defendant is expected to be sentenced to 489 days in jail already served, five years of felony probation and 30 days of community labor. The defendant also will be ordered to attend 48 animal cruelty counseling sessions and prohibited from owning any animal for 10 years.

On Aug. 31, 2015, Garcia kicked and chased two dogs, both Chihuahuas, in his backyard causing serious injuries to both of the pets, the prosecutor said. One of the dogs had to be euthanized due to the severity of its injuries.

The defendant's family called the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department after they were unable to stop him from attacking the dogs. When sheriff's deputies arrived, Garcia swung one of the Chihuahuas at the deputy, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Sheriff's Department, Palmdale Station, and the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control.

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