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Wife of Slain Bell Gardens Mayor Indicted

The wife of slain Bell Gardens Mayor Daniel Crespo pleaded not guilty today to a Grand Jury indictment charging her with one count of voluntary manslaughter, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Lyvette Crespo (dob 6/16/71) was arraigned before Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge David Harriford, who unsealed the indictment in case BA435205. Bail was set at \$150,000 and she was remanded.

Deputy District Attorneys Beth Silverman and Tannaz Mokayef with the Major Crimes Division are prosecuting the case.

Lyvette Crespo allegedly shot her 45-year-old husband three times in the right chest while both were home on Sept. 30, 2014. The indictment includes an allegation that she personally discharged a handgun.

The defendant returns to court on May 29 in Department 109 for a pretrial hearing.

If convicted, she faces up to 21 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

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. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.