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**Man Sentenced for Killing of
Chihuahua Caught on Tape**

A Sherman Oaks man was sentenced today for deliberately running over his estranged wife's pet Chihuahua, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Keith Schwartz of the Airport Branch sentenced Michael David Parker, 45, to 16 months in state prison.

Parker pleaded no contest on Friday to cruelty to an animal. Because he also admitted an allegation that he used his car as a deadly weapon, the charge also now counts as a strike.

Prosecutors said that on Dec. 28, 2013, Parker took the Chihuahua named Cow-Cow to a Hawthorne alley and then ran the dog over, leaving him to die. The incident was captured on video.

The case was investigated by the Hawthorne Police 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 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.