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TV Reporter Pleads to Domestic Violence Charge

A television reporter pleaded no contest today to beating his wife during an argument in December of last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Frederick Mesropi said Carlos Zapata, 51, of Sherman Oaks entered the plea to one felony count of willfully inflicting corporal injury resulting in a traumatic condition upon his spouse in case LA079898.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Michael Kellogg of the Van Nuys Branch immediately sentenced Zapata to five years formal probation and one year of domestic violence counseling.

The defendant threw a flower pot at his wife's head causing serious injuries during an argument on Dec. 3, the prosecutor said. Zapata was a local reporter for MundoFox 22.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Van Nuys Station.

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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.