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**Elementary Teacher Sentenced to LWOP
for Killing Estranged Wife**

An LAUSD elementary school teacher was sentenced today to life in state prison without the possibility of parole plus an additional three years for stabbing his estranged wife to death nearly two years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On March 30, a jury found Michael Rodney Kane, 48, of West Hills guilty of one felony count each of first-degree murder with a special circumstance of lying in wait and making criminal threats, and a misdemeanor charge of disobeying a protective order in case LA074423.

Deputy District Attorneys Frederick Mesropi and Brenda Lee of the Van Nuys Branch prosecuted Kane.

The defendant confronted his wife, Michelle Kane, 43, at her friend's house in the 7100 block of Deveron Ridge Road on June 15, 2013 and began stabbing her, the prosecutors said. The victim ran into the street to escape the attack but Kane chased her outside and continued stabbing her multiple times before fleeing the scene, the prosecutors added.

He was arrested two days later in San Bernardino County. According to court testimony, before the attack the estranged couple was going through a contentious divorce.

The Los Angeles Police Department investigated the case.

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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.