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Man Sentenced for Stealing Car, Dog Death

A transient who stole a van with a dog inside and later abandoned the vehicle causing the animal's death received a state prison sentence today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Elan Carr said that Danny Fis, 30, pleaded no contest to one count each of unlawful driving or taking of a vehicle and cruelty to an animal for case LA075079.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Karen J. Nudell of the Van Nuys Branch immediately sentenced Fis to 16 months in state prison, which will be served in county jail pursuant to state law.

On Aug. 17, 2013, a man left his dog inside his van with the air conditioner running outside a North Hollywood store while he ran inside to get his family, the prosecutor said. Fis then stole the van, which he later abandoned with the windows rolled up causing the dog to die, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, North Hollywood Division.

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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.