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**North Hollywood Man Pleads to Animal Cruelty
in Killing of Roommate's Pet Rabbit**

A North Hollywood man pleaded no contest today to animal cruelty for killing his roommate's pet rabbit last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Dimitri Diatchenko, 47, entered his plea to one count of animal cruelty before Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Michael Jesic. Diatchenko was immediately sentenced to three years formal probation, 60 days community labor and 48 hours of animal cruelty counseling.

Deputy District Attorney Elan Carr said the defendant killed the rabbit on Dec. 6 2014, after the roommate had told the defendant that they should no longer live together. The two previously had a romantic relationship.

After the roommate left the house. Diatchenko skinned the pet, cooked it and ate part of it, while sending her graphic photos of what he did, the prosecutor added.

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

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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.