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**Woman Convicted of Killing Elderly Man  
at Metro Blue Line Station**

A 25-year-old woman was convicted today of fatally beating an elderly man following a dispute at the Metro Blue Line, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

After three days of deliberations, a jury found Tracy Joy Gomez guilty of voluntary manslaughter in case TA134727.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 6 in Department F of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Compton Branch. Gomez faces up to 22 years in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Shannon Cooley, who prosecuted the case, said on the afternoon of June 13, 2014, Gomez got into an argument with John Whitmore, 65, on the Metro Blue Line platform.

During the fight, Gomez beat Whitmore, the prosecutor said, and then fled the scene.

Authorities were called and the victim was taken to a hospital for treatment. Seven days later, Whitmore died from his injuries.

An investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department led deputies to Gomez and she was arrested and charged the next month.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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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](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.