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Saugus Man Sentenced for Girlfriend's Murder

A Saugus man with a history of domestic violence was sentenced today to 26 years to life in state prison for the killing of his girlfriend, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Eric Allen Earle, 43, was found guilty by a jury on Sept. 18 of first-degree murder in case PA072411.

On Sept. 1, 2011, the 31-year-old victim was found dead inside her condo, which she shared with Earle, just two days before her birthday. She had been beaten and asphyxiated by Earle during a violent argument, according to trial testimony.

Evidence presented at trial showed that Earle not only assaulted his girlfriend on other occasions but that he also had beaten his estranged wife.

Deputy District Attorney Elena Abramson prosecuted the case.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was the investigative agency.

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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.