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## **Lancaster Man Charged in 2008 Sword Killing Scheduled to be Arraigned**

A 34-year-old man charged in the 2008 sword-killing of his girlfriend is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jesus Humberto Canales (dob 10/01/79) is expected to appear for arraignment in Department A1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

Canales is charged with one count of murder for the alleged killing of his girlfriend Lucy Preciado, 26, a mother of four. The charge includes a special allegation of personal use of a deadly and dangerous weapon, a sword. The defendant also is charged with four counts of child abuse.

Canales allegedly killed Preciado on July 12, 2008, at the couple's Lancaster apartment in front of their children. Case MA042795 was filed four days later.

The defendant fled the United States following the alleged murder, authorities said. Canales, a citizen of El Salvador, was located in Jalisco, Mexico. At the request of the U.S. Marshals Service, Mexican authorities expelled Canales from the country and released him to the U.S. Marshals late last week.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. If convicted as charged, Canales faces a maximum state prison sentence of 30 years to life.

Deputy District Attorney Alisanne Scolnik is assigned to the case.

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