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Maywood Mayor Sentenced for Animal Cruelty

Maywood Mayor Ramon Medina Mojarro was sentenced today to 12 months of summary probation and 24 animal care classes after being found guilty of neglecting to take care of his dog in 2015, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Jillian O'Neill said the defendant also was ordered to complete five days of community labor.

Mojarro, 59, was found guilty on Aug. 21 of one misdemeanor count each of cruelty to an animal and failure to care for an animal.

On Feb. 9, 2015, the pitbull mix named Hershey was taken to an animal shelter in Downey. According to evidence presented at the trial, the dog, who was kept at Mojarro's auto shop, had severe muscle wasting, couldn't walk or eat and had to be euthanized.

Hershey had a chronic illness and had been suffering for a long period of time but had not been taken to a veterinarian, the prosecutor said. Mojarro was not mayor at the time the crime occurred.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control.

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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 protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.