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**North Hollywood Man Charged With Making
Criminal Threats, Killing Roommate's Pet Rabbit**

A 46-year-old man has been charged with killing his female roommate's pet rabbit and threatening to do the same to her, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Lou Holtz said Dimitri Diatchenko (dob 4/11/68) of North Hollywood is facing one felony count each of cruelty to an animal with a use of knife allegation and criminal threats.

Case LA079901 was filed late yesterday. Arraignment is scheduled at 8:30 am on Dec. 30 in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

Diatchenko killed the rabbit and made the threat on Dec. 7, after the victim said they should no longer be roommates, the prosecutor said. They had been living together for some time after their romantic relationship had ended.

While the victim was out of the house, Diatchenko skinned the pet, cooked it and ate half of it while sending her step-by-step pictures of what he did, the prosecutor added. When she returned the defendant allegedly told her he would do the same to her.

Diatchenko faces a possible maximum sentence of four years and eight months incarceration if convicted as charged. At arraignment, the prosecutor will be asking bail be set at \$90,000.

The case remains under investigation 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 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.