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**Driver Found Guilty of DUI Crash Into
Lancaster Home, Killing Elderly Woman**

A 26-year-old man was found guilty today of crashing into a Lancaster home, killing a 71-year-old woman who was in her bedroom, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Sun Chung said a jury found Aaron Daniel Benson of Lancaster guilty of one count each of murder, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense in case MA065673.

Benson faces 15 years to life in state prison at a hearing scheduled on Feb. 2 in Department A20 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

Benson was driving with a blood alcohol level that was more than twice the legal limit on West Avenue J-12 when he crashed into Patricia Ann Holmes' bedroom on March 29, according to court testimony. Holmes, who was lying in her bed at the time, died as a result of the injuries, the prosecutor said.

Benson had previously been convicted for driving under the influence in 2011.

The jury deliberated for a day before returning with the guilty verdicts.

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

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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 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.