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## **Man Sentenced to Prison for Throwing Dog Off Cliff**

A 21-year-old man was sentenced today to two years in state prison for throwing his female Pitbull mix down the edge of a hill, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Alexandra Campbell said Andres Spancky Raya pleaded no contest on Aug. 9 to one felony count of cruelty to an animal in case BA453715.

Raya also was sentenced today to five years in state prison to be served concurrently with the two-year sentence for an unrelated first-degree residential burglary case.

Raya threw his dog, Mary Jane, from a cliff in the 1300 block of Luella Drive to a ravine 145 feet below on two different occasions: Sept. 26 and Sept. 28, 2016, the prosecutor said. The incidents were caught on video by a neighbor who reported the abuse and helped rescue the dog.

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

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