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2021 LAPD CASE

Parents of girl shot by cop lose suit

14-year-old in dressing room accidentally killed by officer firing on suspect in store

City News Service

A jury ruled in favor of the city of Los Angeles on Thursday in a civil lawsuit brought by the parents of a teenage girl accidentally shot by a Los Angeles police officer in a North Hollywood clothing and home accessories store in 2021.

The 14-year-old girl, Valentina Orellana-Peralta, was killed Dec. 23, 2021, while shopping with her mother for Christmas dresses at the Burlington store at 12121 Victory Blvd. The girl was in a second-floor dressing room when a bullet fired by Officer William Dorsey Jones passed through a wall and struck her.

The plaintiffs were Orellana-Peralta's father and mother, Juan Pablo Orellana Larenas and Soledad Peralta. Civil lawsuits often seek monetary damages.

Police had gone into the store in search of a suspect who assaulted people with a metal bicycle lock.

That suspect, 24-year-old Daniel Elena Lopez, was also killed.

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Juan Pablo Orellana Larenas, father of Valentina Orellana-Peralta, speaks during a news conference outside the Los Angeles Police Department in 2021. **RINGO H.W. CHIU — AP**

TRANSIT LINKS

L.A.'s D Line subway debuts first leg today



People pass the entrance to the underground L.A. Metro D Line's Wilshire/Fairfax station on Thursday just before the bright red Petersen Automotive Museum on Wilshire Boulevard. **PHOTOS BY SARAH REINGEWIRTZ — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Initial 4-mile section heads west along Wilshire, with 3 new stations

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There are two main factors that made the history-making new subway beneath Wilshire Boulevard that opens its first section at 12:30 p.m. today a reality: use of new tunneling technology and the collective "yes" from Los Angeles County voters to pay for it.

Without them, L.A. Metro officials may still be scratching their heads as to how to build and pay for the 9-mile, \$9.5 billion subway extension of the D (Purple) Line that will travel between downtown L.A. in Koreatown at Wilshire/Western and Westwood hundreds of feet beneath the most densely populated, iconic, traffic-choked, car-centric thoroughfare in the



A janitor cleans the L.A. Metro D Line's Wilshire/Fairfax subway station on Thursday. L.A. Metro is offering free rides along the opening route through early Monday.

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WHITTIER

City wins tree suit filed by nonprofit

Judge denies conservancy's complaint that alleges project failed to comply with laws

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The city of Whittier scored a legal victory Wednesday in a lawsuit filed by the Whittier Conservancy over the Greenleaf Promenade Project and the fate of 108 trees that stand within its design.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Joseph Lipner upheld a tentative ruling Wednesday afternoon, denying the Whittier Conservancy's complaint filed on Dec. 6, 2024, that alleged the city failed to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, the state Planning and Zoning Law and the Whittier Municipal Code.

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MIDDLE EAST

Iran sets agency for taxing ships

Move on Strait of Hormuz comes amid mixed messages from U.S.

By Adam Schreck, David McHugh and Russ Bynum
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iran has created a government agency to vet and tax vessels seeking passage through the crucial Strait of Hormuz, a shipping data company reported Thursday, as Tehran said it was reviewing the latest U.S. proposals for ending the war.

The Iranian effort to formalize control over the channel raised new concerns about international shipping, with hundreds of commercial ships

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