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Verdict Reached in San Pedro Murder Case

A jury found a San Pedro man guilty of murdering his girlfriend in 2012, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Carol Rose said the jury deliberated a little more than three hours before finding Donald Lee Bush Jr., 55 (10/04/1958), guilty of first-degree murder.

Jurors also found true an allegation that the defendant personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a hammer.

Rose said at the time of the crime Bush and his girlfriend, Dana Milo, 59, were living together at a boarding house in San Pedro.

On May 23, 2012, about 10 p.m., residents at the boarding house last saw Milo watching television in her room. Around 1:30 a.m., Bush exited the same room and a resident viewed the victim dead inside, Rose said.

Authorities were called and Bush was taken to the hospital for some wounds to his body. During the medical treatment, it was determined that his wounds were self-inflicted and the defendant was arrested in connection with his girlfriend's death, the prosecutor added.

Rose said during the investigation a hammer and blood were discovered on the victim's bedroom floor. Authorities later testified in court that Milo was bludgeoned to death.

The prosecutor said witnesses testified in court that Bush had a history of abusing other women.

Bush will return to Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch for sentencing in Department 19 on Feb. 24. He faces a minimum sentence of 25 years to life in state prison.

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