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## Convicted Drug Dealer Charged with Former Fox Executive's Murder

A convicted drug dealer was charged today with the murder of Gavin Smith, a former UCLA basketball player and Fox executive who disappeared in 2012, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

John Lenzie Creech (dob 7/22/72) is scheduled to be arraigned Monday, Feb. 2, at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30, in case BA433266.

Creech is charged with the May 2, 2012 murder of Smith, whose remains were discovered last October in a remote area near Acton in northern Los Angeles County.

Deputy District Attorney Bobby Grace with the Major Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

Smith, 57, was last seen on May 1, 2012, leaving a friend's home in Ventura County. Smith's black Mercedes-Benz 420E was found a year later, on Feb. 21, 2013, at a Simi Valley storage facility connected to Creech.

Creech is serving an eight-year jail sentence after pleading no contest to one count of sale or transportation for sale of a controlled substance in September 2012.

If convicted, he faces 25 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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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](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.