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## **Gardena Man Found Guilty of 2009 Murder at Motel Room**

A jury has found a Gardena man guilty of the murder of a 41-year-old man at the Patio Inn Motel nearly seven years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Cameron Alex Cole (dob 8/5/87) was found guilty yesterday of one count of first-degree murder in case YA090039.

The jury found that Cole used a screwdriver as a deadly and dangerous weapon and the defendant admitted prior convictions of second-degree robbery in 2005 and possession of methamphetamine in 2011.

Deputy District Attorneys Erika Jerez and Juree Kim prosecuted the defendant.

Cole will face a 58 years-to-life state prison sentence on April 22 in Department G of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch.

On April 20, 2009, Cole attacked Joseph Shorty when he became jealous at Shorty's interactions with the defendant's girlfriend at the time, according to evidence presented in court. During the attack, the defendant stabbed the victim with a screwdriver and strangled him by putting an undershirt in the victim's mouth and tying another shirt around the gag, the prosecutors said.

The victim's body was found hogtied with several different kinds of cords and cables by a maid at the motel in Gardena.

The case was investigated by the Gardena Police Department.

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