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## **Mother Sentenced to Prison for Killing Her Young Children**

A 32-year-old woman was sentenced today to life in state prison without the possibility of parole for fatally stabbing her three young daughters in 2014, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Nov. 30, 2015, defendant Carol Ann Coronado was found guilty in a bench trial of three counts of first-degree murder in case BA425234.

Additionally, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Ricardo R. Ocampo found true the special circumstance allegation of multiple murders, as well as the special allegation that Coronado personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife, in the commission of the crime.

Following a sanity trial, the same judge found that Coronado was sane at the time of the fatal attack.

Deputy District Attorney Emily Spear of the Victim Impact Program prosecuted the case.

On May 20, 2014, Coronado killed her three daughters, 2-year-old Sophia, 16-month-old Yazmine and 2-month-old Xenia, with a kitchen knife before trying to harm herself, according to the prosecutor.

The children's bodies were discovered inside the family's residence soon after the assault.

The case was investigated 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.

