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**Arraignment Scheduled in Case of Elderly
La Crescenta Man Found Dead in His Home**

A Gardena man is scheduled to be in court today accused of killing a 73-year-old man with a mallet, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

David Xavier Bushman (dob 6/6/71) faces one count of murder with the allegation that he used a mallet as a deadly and dangerous weapon in case GA098019.

Deputy District Attorney Ryan Erlich said the felony complaint includes allegations that Bushman was convicted in 1991, 2003 and 2009 of felonies that include robbery and false imprisonment.

Arraignment is scheduled in Department D of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pasadena Branch. The case was filed on Feb. 3.

Victim Arthur George Palmer was found bludgeoned to death inside his La Crescenta house on July 24, 2015, the prosecutor said. According to the criminal complaint, Bushman killed Palmer on or between July 21 and July 24, 2015.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 38 years to life in state prison.

Bail for Bushman has been set at more than \$1 million.

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

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