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## **Man Sentenced in Neighbor's Shooting Death**

A man was sentenced today to 50 years and eight months to life in state prison for killing his neighbor, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Earlier this month, Mark Stephen Thurwachter, 58, was convicted by a jury in the first-degree murder of Marvin Williams. The jury also found true the allegation that the defendant personally and intentionally discharged a firearm causing death.

At today's sentencing, the defendant was ordered to pay restitution to the California Victim Compensation Program in the amount of \$3,098.39 to take care of Williams' funeral expenses.

Deputy District Attorney Patrick O'Crowley, who was assigned to the case, said the defendant and the victim were neighbors at Arbor Mobile Village in Long Beach.

Although initially friendly with each other, Thurwachter and Williams had a falling out, O'Crowley said.

On the evening of Feb. 1, 2012, people living in the mobile home community heard a shot and found Williams fatally injured in front of his residence. The defendant, who had been there moments before, never returned to his home, the prosecutor said.

A warrant was issued for Thurwachter's arrest on Feb. 6, 2012, and he was apprehended several months later in Ohio.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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