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Serial Rapist Pleads in Compton Cold Case Murder

A serial rapist from Kansas pleaded no contest to a murder from 1991, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Cops said James Adolphus Boyd, 65, was convicted of first-degree murder. The defendant was sentenced to 25 years to life in state prison by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Stephen A. Marcus.

Boyd was accused of sexually assaulting and killing a 16-year-old girl in 1991.

Cops said the female victim worked at a thrift store in Compton at the time of the crime. The teenager was found dead in a storage closet in the store. Officials determined that she had been beaten and stabbed to death.

The case remained unsolved for more than 20 years when the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Cold Case Unit revived the investigation. Using fingerprints and the Combined DNA Index System, officials were able to link Boyd to the killing.

In November 2012, authorities extradited Boyd from a Kansas prison. He was serving a life sentence for a rape conviction.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Homicide Bureau.

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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. Annually, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecutes more than 60,000 felonies and 140,000 misdemeanor crimes.