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Man Sentenced For Murdering Fashion School Student in 1991

A man was sentenced today to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the 1991 murder of a fashion school student whose body was found in a burning vehicle in South Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ahjeeb Jamal Boyd (10/4/70) was sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Richard Kemalyan. On Feb. 1, jurors found Boyd guilty of one count of first-degree murder with the special circumstance allegation of rape to be true.

Deputy District Attorney Gloria Marin of the Sex Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

In the early morning hours of Sept. 29, 1991, firefighters responded to a vehicle engulfed in flames near the intersection of 45th and Flower streets. After extinguishing the flames, they found the body of 22-year-old Jill Dara Sampson, who was a student at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandise in downtown Los Angeles.

DNA evidence recovered from the victim tied Boyd to the cold case murder. In February 2014, Boyd was arrested for Sampson's murder.

Case BA427109 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department's Major Crimes Division, Criminal Conspiracy Section.

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