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Capital Murder Charge Filed in Robbery, Stabbing of Couple at Valley Village Convenience Store

A felon was charged today with killing a convenience store employee and stabbing the employee's girlfriend and coworker while robbing the store, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Hasaan Blunt (dob 5/18/73) of Van Nuys faces one felony count each of murder and attempted willful, deliberate and premeditated murder.

Arraignment was continued to April 28 in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

The felony complaint includes the special circumstance allegation of murder during the commission of a robbery and a special allegation of causing great bodily injury.

Phillip Stirling, assistant head deputy of the Van Nuys Branch, said Blunt also faces two felony counts of second degree robbery and three misdemeanor counts of vandalism of vehicle tires under \$400 damage in case LA083099.

Blunt also was convicted in 1998 of assault with a deadly weapon, battery causing serious injury and assault with a deadly weapon by a state prison inmate, according to the charging document.

Blunt is accused of slashing the tires of three vehicles on March 25, before entering a 7-Eleven in Valley Village and walking out with a sandwich and a beer, the prosecutor said. When confronted by two store employees, the defendant allegedly stabbed the female employee twice and then stabbed Ahmed Washi, 54, the prosecutor added.

Washi died from his injuries and the female victim was severely injured but is expected to survive.

If convicted as charged, Blunt faces the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole.

A decision on whether to seek death will be made at a later date.

The defendant is being held without bail.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, North Hollywood Division.

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