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**Man Sentenced For Murdering Two Women,
Attempting to Kill Teen Girl**

A 34-year-old man was sentenced today to 85 years to life in state prison for murdering two women and trying to kill a 16-year-old girl in a South Los Angeles crime spree four years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Robert Lawrence Ransom Jr. was sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Lisa Lench. Ransom pleaded guilty last month to two counts of first-degree murder and one count each of attempted murder and second-degree robbery.

Deputy District Attorneys David Reinert and Guillermo Santiso prosecuted the case.

Ransom shot and killed 19-year-old Margarite Evans in March 2014. Several days later, the defendant murdered Gisella Yauli, 28, and her 1-year-old son, prosecutors said. The pair were found after a fire broke out in their South Los Angeles residence.

About two weeks later, Ransom forced a teenage girl into a van, assaulted her and doused her with gasoline. The girl managed to escape as she was about to be set on fire. Ransom was arrested a week after the attack, prosecutors said.

Case BA425362 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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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 protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.