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**Man Sentenced for Murder of 17-Year-Old Girl,  
Rape of Another**

A Los Angeles man convicted of strangling a teenage girl and raping another woman was sentenced today to 49 years to life in state prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

A jury convicted Damond Williams, 37, in February of first-degree murder, assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury, forcible rape, sodomy by use of force and forcible oral copulation.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Kelvin D. Filer also ordered the defendant to pay restitution to the murder victim's family.

Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Cops said on Sept. 17, 2012, the teenage girl's body, identified only as Terrey W. in the charging document, was found dumped and set on fire in the 9300 block of Grand Avenue in Los Angeles. It was determined that the teen was killed by strangulation.

DNA found on the victim's body linked Williams to her death, Cops said. Also, a witness testified in court that they had seen a black Ford Bronco near the area, where the victim's body was discovered. Williams owned the same type of vehicle.

Additionally, on June 23, 2007, Williams sexually assaulted an 18-year-old woman. The prosecutor said Williams stomped, raped, and sodomized her during the incident.

The victim cried for help and was able to get away, the prosecutor said. Williams ran away from the scene, but was apprehended by police. Blood and DNA evidence linked him to the crime.

The case 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 seeking justice for victims of crime

and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.