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**Lake View Terrace Man Charged with
Fatally Beating His Grandmother with Hammer**

A Lake View Terrace man was charged today with beating his grandmother to death with a hammer, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Joseph Max Kushner (dob 1/30/80) faces one count of murder with the special allegation that he used a hammer as a deadly weapon.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department S of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch.

Case PA086393 is assigned to Deputy District Attorney Julie Kramer.

According to the criminal complaint, Kushner killed Armida Custodio, 78, on or between May 2 and May 4, prosecutors said. Her body was found inside her Lake View Terrace home on May 4, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, Kushner faces 26 years to life in state prison.

More than \$2 million bail is being requested by prosecutors.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Valley Bureau.

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