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**Woodland Hills Man Sentenced for Rapes
that Included Disabled Elderly Victim**

A Woodland Hills man was sentenced to 45 years to life in state prison for the rape of two women, including a 61-year-old disabled woman, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ammen Ra Shinti (dob 7/19/54) was convicted by a jury on March 21 of one count each of forcible oral copulation, assault to commit a sex crime during the commission of a first-degree burglary and two counts of forcible rape.

The jury in case LA079866 also found true allegations of multiple victims and causing great bodily injury.

The eight-day long trial was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorneys Robert Dufour and Sharon Ransom.

On April 27, 2007, Shinti lured a woman who had previously lent him money into his motel room in Sylmar, saying he was going to pay the money he owed her, according to evidence presented at the trial. The defendant then closed the door and placed a chair underneath the doorknob preventing her from exiting or anyone from entering the room and sexually assaulted the victim, the prosecutors said.

On Nov. 25, 2014, Shinti entered the Woodland Hills home of a disabled woman for whom he worked for as a caretaker, until she fired him the previous year, the prosecutors added. The defendant sexually assaulted the elderly victim, but when she yelled for help Shinti punched and strangled her until she lost consciousness, according to witness testimony.

The following morning the victim discovered the defendant had stolen \$300 and her cell phone. Shinti was convicted in 1974 of burglary and rape in Colorado, according to evidence presented at the trial.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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