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**Man Charged With Capital Murder For Slayings
of Teen Girl, Young Woman in Los Angeles**

A Torrance man was charged today with killing a 17-year-old girl and a 22-year-old woman whose bodies were found dumped near Los Angeles freeways less than a year apart, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Geovanni Borjas (dob 8/6/84) was charged in case BA457715 with two counts each of murder and forcible rape and one count of kidnapping. He also faces special circumstance allegations of multiple murders and murder in the commission of a rape and a kidnapping, making him eligible for the death penalty.

He is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorneys Beth Silverman and Jonathan Chung of the Major Crimes Division are prosecuting the case.

Michelle Lozano, 17, disappeared on April 24, 2011. Her body was found a day later near Interstate 5 in Boyle Heights.

Bree'Anna Guzman, 22, vanished in late December 2011 and her body was discovered about a month later near the Glendale Freeway.

Both victims were sexually assaulted, prosecutors said. DNA evidence recovered at both crimes scenes tied Borjas to the murders, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, Borjas faces the death penalty or life in state prison without the possibility of parole. A decision on whether to seek the death penalty will be made at a later date.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery-Homicide Division.

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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.