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Jury Recommends Death Penalty For Man Who Murdered Four Women in South Los Angeles

Jurors today recommended the death penalty for a former pizza delivery man who killed four women in South Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

The jury deliberated for about 1 1/2 days during the penalty phase after finding 47-year-old Chester Dewayne Turner guilty of four counts of first-degree murder. The panel also found true the special circumstances of multiple murders and prior murder convictions.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Robert Perry scheduled sentencing for August 1.

All four women were strangled to death by Turner. The four victims are Elandra Bunn, 33, who was found dead on June 5, 1987; Deborah Williams, 28, on Nov. 16, 1992; Mary Edwards, 42, on Dec. 16, 1992; and Cynthia Annette Johnson, 30, on Feb. 22, 1997.

Deputy District Attorneys Bobby Grace and Beth Silverman of the Major Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

Turner already was on Death Row for killing 10 women and an unborn child in South Los Angeles. He was convicted and sentenced to death in 2007 for the slayings that spanned from 1987 to 1998.

The case was investigated by Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery-Homicide Division.

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