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Man Charged with Fatal Stabbing of Convenience Store Clerk

A Los Angeles man was charged today with killing a gas station convenience store clerk earlier this week, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Kevin Steve Gomez (dob 12/2/94) faces one count each of murder and assault with a deadly weapon with an allegation of using a knife in the killing.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On June 24, Gomez allegedly entered the Maywood store and soon after lunged at victim Nelly Baez, 26, and killed her by stabbing her multiple times, prosecutors said. The defendant also is charged with stabbing another employee who attempted to stop the attack. That victim survived her injuries, prosecutors added.

A vendor and a customer stepped in and allegedly managed to hold down the defendant and detain him while police arrived, prosecutors said.

If convicted as charged, Gomez faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison. Bail is scheduled at more than \$2 million.

Case BA488189 remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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