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**Man Pleads Guilty to Breaking into Home,  
Killing Neighbor in 2012**

A 25-year-old man accused of breaking into a neighbor's house and killing her pleaded guilty to the murder today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Luis Fernando Diofron Lemus of Norwalk entered the plea to one count of first-degree murder in case VA126612.

Lemus also admitted a special circumstance allegation that the killing was committed during the commission of a burglary. Additionally, he admitted using a knife as a deadly and dangerous weapon.

Deputy District Attorney Araceli Otero said that on Aug. 10, 2012, Lemus broke into his neighbor's home and fatally stabbed the 50-year-old woman. Following the killing, the defendant fled to Guatemala where he remained for several years.

Lemus was located in December 2014 and extradited to Los Angeles County four months later, the prosecutor added.

Sentencing is scheduled on July 19 in Department T of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch. The defendant faces life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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