

Jackie Lacey
District Attorney
<http://da.lacounty.gov>



NEWS RELEASE

Media Contact:

Ricardo Santiago
Public Information Officer
213-257-2000
RSantiago@da.lacounty.gov
Twitter: @LADAOoffice

July 12, 2017

**Pasadena Man Sentenced for Domestic Violence Killing
of Ex-Girlfriend Found in Car**

A Pasadena man was sentenced yesterday to 26 years to life in state prison for killing the mother of his two children, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Fernanda Barreto said Jose Roberto Turner, 49, was found guilty on June 19 of one count of first-degree murder with an allegation that a rope or cord was used as a deadly weapon.

According to evidence presented at the trial, Turner stabbed and strangled LaJoya McCoy, 31, on June 10, 2015. The victim's body was found inside her vehicle parked on the 200 block of West Cypress Avenue in Monrovia nearly a week later, the prosecutor said.

Before the murder, the defendant had threatened McCoy's life over child custody issues, the prosecutor added.

Case GA096978 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

[About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#)

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.