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Man Sentenced for Raping Four Women, Killing One in Gardena

A Gardena man was sentenced today to 286 years to life in state prison for sexually assaulting and suffocating a woman and raping three others, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On May 30, a jury found Kevon Takashi Ross, 33, guilty of 25 felony counts in case YA093449: one count each of first-degree murder and sodomy of an unconscious victim, eight counts of rape of an unconscious person, seven counts of forcible rape, six counts of sexual penetration by foreign object and two counts of injuring a girlfriend.

Deputy District Attorney Frank Dunnick said the jury also found true the allegation that the defendant caused great bodily injury.

On Dec. 12, 2015, Ross sexually assaulted and asphyxiated a woman at a Gardena hotel, according to court testimony. Additionally, the defendant sexually assaulted a girlfriend in October 2007, the prosecutor said.

Two other women, who dated Ross, also were raped between June and November 2015, one of them in Riverside County, according to trial testimony.

The case was investigated by the Gardena Police Department.

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