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Felon Convicted of Murder in 44-Year-Old Case

A felon serving time for a double murder was convicted yesterday of killing a 79-year-old woman in her apartment in 1972, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Harold Holman, who turns 70 on Tuesday, was found guilty of the first-degree murder of Helen Meyler. The jury of nine women and three men returned the verdict shortly after closing arguments concluded.

Deputy District Attorney Beth Silverman with the Major Crimes Division said Holman bludgeoned Meyler to death in her bed with a blunt object on Aug. 27, 1972. DNA evidence connected Holman, who robbed and sexually assaulted the victim, to the murder, Silverman said.

Holman, who is currently serving a 45-year prison sentence for a double murder and a string of high-rise residential burglaries in the 1980s, returns to Department 125 on Aug. 10 for sentencing in case BA432938.

He faces up to life in state prison.

The Los Angeles Police Department investigated the case.

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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.