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**Palmdale Man Receives 40-Year Sentence  
for Series of Knock-Knock Burglaries**

A 24-year-old man was sentenced today to 40 years in state prison for committing a series of residential burglaries in the span of one month in Palmdale, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Carolyn Yeh said David Lashley Holmes (dob 6/30/91) of Palmdale pleaded no contest on May 29 to 11 counts of first-degree residential burglary and one count of second-degree commercial burglary in case MA064893.

Additionally, Holmes admitted there was a person present during one of the residential burglaries and admitted a prior strike conviction. The defendant agreed also to pay restitution on all 15 residential burglaries, including those which were dismissed pursuant to a plea agreement.

Between November and December 2014, the defendant would knock or ring the doorbells at residences and then break in by kicking in doors or shattering windows and glass sliding doors if there was no answer, the prosecutor said. In all the residential burglaries, the defendant ransacked the homes, stealing valuable jewelry, electronics and in one case an expensive guitar, Yeh said.

In a few cases, the defendant also vandalized the homes, the prosecutor added. In one burglary, Holmes keyed every panel of a BMW parked in the garage and in another he poured coffee into a fish tank, killing the fish, Yeh added.

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

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for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.