

# Jackie Lacey

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



NEWS RELEASE

## Media Contact:

Jane Robison  
Sr. Public Information Officer  
213-974-3525  
[JRobison@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:JRobison@da.lacounty.gov)  
Twitter: @LADAOoffice

Aug. 14, 2014

## Man Convicted of Murdering His Former Girlfriend 35 Years Ago

An Orange County engineer was convicted today of the first-degree murder of a nurse whose body was discovered inside her Torrance apartment in 1979, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

A jury of seven men and five women deliberated just over two days before finding Douglas Gordon Bradford, 62, guilty of the Aug. 29, 1979 murder of Lynne Knight.

Deputy District Attorneys John Lewin and Ethan Milius prosecuted the case.

The 28-year-old nurse had been stabbed more than 15 times and strangled with a homemade wire garrote that was found near her body in her Anza Avenue apartment. Lewin said Bradford and the victim, who was originally from Canada, had dated and later broken up. At the time, he was a California State Long Beach engineering student.

Bradford, who has been out on bail during the trial, was immediately taken into custody. The Costa Mesa resident faces 26 years to life in prison when he returns to court on Oct. 10 for sentencing before Superior Court Judge Curtis Rappe.

Lewin said old-fashioned police work by detectives from the Torrance Police Department's Cold Case Unit eventually helped solve the case, which was filed in May 2009.

Outside of court, Lewin said justice was long overdue. "He got to live a life he never should have had," Lewin said.

###

## 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 seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.