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**Two Women Convicted of Killing Store Clerk
During Attempted Robbery**

Two women were found guilty today of killing a liquor store clerk during an attempted robbery in North Hollywood, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors deliberated for just over two hours before convicting Rosa Manuela Barrientos (dob 4/22/93) and Maria Michelle Inzunza (dob 6/20/91), both of Los Angeles, of one count each of first-degree murder and attempted robbery.

The jury also found true for both defendants the special circumstance allegation that the murder was committed during an attempted robbery and the allegation that a principal was armed during the crime, as well as an allegation that Barrientos killed the victim by personally and intentionally discharging a handgun.

Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 3 in Department S of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch. Barrientos and Inzunza face a sentence of life in state prison without the possibility of parole. Prosecutors chose not to seek the death penalty in this case.

On Sept. 24, 2016, the women tried to rob a liquor store on Sherman Way and Bellaire Avenue in North Hollywood and fatally shot Mohammed Kalam, 61, in the head, according to court testimony.

Deputy District Attorney Elan S. Carr prosecuted case LA084400.

The Los Angeles Police Department, Valley Bureau Homicide, investigated the case.

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