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**Woman Sentenced in Murder of
Retired Redondo Beach Police Officer**

A Los Angeles woman has been sentenced to 35 years to life in state prison after a jury found her guilty of the first-degree murder of a 74-year-old retired Redondo Beach police officer, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Centia Renee Martin (dob 10/26/78) was immediately sentenced yesterday after four hours of jury deliberations following a 21-day long trial in which Martin represented herself.

Deputy District Attorney Steven Gates said the evidence presented at trial demonstrated that Martin repeatedly bashed victim Robert Crigler in the head with a shotgun and nearly decapitated him with a knife on or between Jan. 10 and Jan. 13. The shotgun was broken in the attack, the prosecutor said.

On Jan. 10, Crigler hired the defendant as a topless maid and masseuse, according to evidence presented at trial. The victim's body was discovered on Jan. 13 at his converted apartment in Inglewood, the prosecutor added.

Evidence presented at trial included video surveillance footage and forensic evidence that tied Martin to the crime.

Case YA091874 was investigated by the Inglewood Police Department.

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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 seeking justice 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.