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## **Man Found Guilty of Killing 3-Year-Old Girl at Los Angeles Garment Factory**

A jury found a man guilty today for fatally stabbing a 3-year-old girl at a clothing factory in downtown Los Angeles three years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Kathy Ta of the Family Violence Division said Ricardo Augusto Utuy aka Juan Perez, 37, was found guilty of one count each of first-degree murder and attempted murder.

The jury also found true special allegations that Utuy personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife.

Sentencing is scheduled on Sept. 23 in Department 113 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. Utuy faces 30 years to life in state prison.

Utuy first attacked a woman at a factory in downtown Los Angeles on March 10, 2016. According to witness testimony, the defendant stabbed the woman before fleeing the scene. The victim survived the attack.

The defendant then found work at another factory, in the 800 block of McGarry Street, the prosecutor said. On Oct. 31, 2016, a couple who worked at that factory brought their daughter, Ruby V., to work with them.

When the girl went to give her father a cookie, the mother saw Utuy running toward the 3-year-old. The defendant then stabbed the girl multiple times with a knife. She was taken to a hospital where she died, the prosecutor added.

Case BA451497 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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