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Long Beach Man Sentenced to Prison for Killing Young Stepdaughter

A 36-year-old man was sentenced today to 41 years to life in state prison for sexually abusing then killing his 9-year-old stepdaughter in 2012, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At today's court appearance, Jacinto Trujillo (dob 9/16/80) of Long Beach pleaded no contest to first-degree murder and oral copulation with a child 10 years old or younger in case BA415068.

The defendant also admitted an allegation that he personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a razor blade, during the commission of the murder.

In addition to the prison sentence, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Gary J. Ferrari also ordered the defendant to register as a lifetime sex offender.

Deputy District Attorney Kelly Kelley of the Victim Impact Program, who prosecuted the case, said Trujillo had raised his 9-year-old stepdaughter since she was an infant.

In the late evening of April 27, 2012, Trujillo was walking with the girl hand-in-hand near Woodruff Avenue and Willow Street in Long Beach when he pulled out a razor blade and slashed the girl's neck, killing her, according to the prosecutor. The defendant then placed the victim's bleeding body in a nearby church parking lot.

Law enforcement responded to the scene and located Trujillo near the girl's body, the prosecutor said. During the investigation, the defendant admitted to previously orally copulating the girl on multiple occasions prior to killing her, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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