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**Two Women Charged with Capital Murder for
Robbery, Shooting of Liquor Store Clerk**

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

Rosa Manuela Barrientos (dob 4/22/93) and Maria Michelle Inzunza (dob 6/20/91), both of Los Angeles, face one count of murder with the special circumstance allegation that it was committed during a robbery and one count of attempted robbery of the second degree.

Case LA084400 includes allegations that Barrientos killed the victim by personally and intentionally discharging a handgun, and that she was convicted of second-degree robbery last year.

Arrestment for both defendants is scheduled today in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

Deputy District Attorneys Elan Carr and Elizabeth Dickinson are prosecuting the case.

Mohammed Kalam, 61, was allegedly fatally shot in the head as the two defendants tried to rob a liquor store on Sherman Way and Bellaire Avenue in North Hollywood on the evening of Sept. 24, prosecutors said.

If convicted as charged, both defendants face the death penalty or life in state prison without the possibility of parole. The decision whether to seek capital punishment will be made at a later date.

Barrientos and Inzunza are being held with no bail.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Valley Bureau Homicide.

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 protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.