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## **Littlerock Man Sentenced in Dog Mauling Case**

A Littlerock man was sentenced today to 15 years to life in state prison for the killing of a Palmdale woman mauled by a pack of the defendant's pit bulls, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Alex Donald Jackson was found guilty on Aug. 29 of second-degree murder, cultivating marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale and possession of a controlled substance for sale, psilocybin, in case MA059722.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Lisa Chung imposed the sentence but delayed his transfer to state prison until Oct. 17 so Jackson can appear at a restitution hearing in Department A19 of the Antelope Valley Branch.

Pamela Devitt, 63, was out for a walk on May 9, 2013 when she was attacked and killed by four pit bulls belonging to Jackson, according to court testimony. Evidence presented at trial also showed that other victims had been attacked by his pit bulls on several prior occasions.

Jackson had a marijuana grow operation at his residence and a total of eight dogs were seized from his house, prosecutors said. Four of the dogs had Devitt's DNA on their fur, prosecutors added.

Deputy District Attorneys Carolyn Yeh and Ryan Williams prosecuted Jackson.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Homicide Bureau and Palmdale Station.

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