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Man Found Guilty in Death of Toddler During Police Pursuit

A Palmdale man was found guilty today of murder and other felony counts for leading police on a pursuit that ended with the death of a 2-year-old girl, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Craig Kleffman said a jury deliberated for three hours before finding Marvin Travon Hicks, 47, guilty of second-degree murder in case MA058121.

On April 14, another jury found Hicks guilty of one count each of evading an officer causing injury, evading an officer causing death, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and DUI causing injury but was unable to reach a verdict on the murder count.

Hicks faces 21 years to life in state prison at sentencing on Oct. 10 in Department A21 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

On Dec. 6, 2012, Hicks drove more than 100 mph through Lancaster while he crossed into oncoming traffic and ran five red lights, the prosecutor said. Hicks was under the influence of PCP and alcohol at the time, according to court testimony.

Less than a minute after Los Angeles County sheriff deputies began pursuing Hicks, he crashed into a car carrying the young victim near Sierra Highway and Avenue I, the prosecutor added. The blunt force trauma from the crash disconnected her spinal cord, according to witness testimony.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster Station.

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