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Palmdale Man Sentenced for Killing Toddler During Police Pursuit

A Palmdale man was sentenced to a total of 22 years to life in state prison today after being convicted of 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 Marvin Travon Hicks, 47, was found guilty of second-degree murder on Oct 3.

On April 14, another jury in case MA058121 also 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.

On Dec. 6, 2012, Hicks was driving through Lancaster, crossing into oncoming traffic and running red lights at speeds reaching 100 mph, the prosecutor said. Before driving he had smoked a PCP-laced marijuana cigarette and consumed alcohol, according to court testimony.

Almost immediately after Los Angeles County sheriff deputies began pursuing the defendant, he crashed into a car carrying Madison Ruano, the prosecutor added.

The girl's parents and her two grandfathers all gave victim impact statements at today's sentencing hearing before Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Kathleen Blanchard of the Antelope Valley Branch.

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

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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 seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.