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**Convicted Sexual Predator Charged with  
Second Murder of Young Boy**

A convicted sexual predator currently facing a capital murder charge in the killing of a young boy in 1981 has been charged with the murder of a second boy, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On March 24, Kenneth Kasten Rasmuson (dob 12/16/61) was charged in case KA109311 with one count of murder with a special circumstance allegation that he committed the crime during the commission of a lewd or lascivious act upon a child.

Today, prosecutors amended the felony complaint to include a second capital murder charge, which also alleges the defendant committed the killing during the commission of a lewd or lascivious act upon a child.

Additionally, prosecutors added a special circumstance allegation of multiple murders.

The charging document also alleges the defendant was previously convicted of sodomy of person under 14 with 10 years difference in 1981 in Santa Barbara County.

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned on the second murder charge on Oct. 28 in Department N of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch.

Rasmuson currently is being held on no bail.

Deputy District Attorneys Michael Matoba and Kelsey McKeever-Unger are prosecuting the case.

DNA evidence linked Rasmuson to the second killing, according to prosecutors.

Rasmuson's first reported murder victim, listed in the complaint as Jeffrey Doe, disappeared on July 2, 1981.

The boy left his house in Anaheim Hills to go look at a fireworks stand. The following day, two construction workers found the 6-year-old's body in Pomona.

The murder remained unsolved for decades until a DNA hit connected Rasmuson to the crime and he was arrested in March in Idaho, prosecutors said.

During the defendant's current incarceration, investigators linked Rasmuson to another boy's unsolved death in 1986, prosecutors said.

The second victim, identified as Miguel Doe, went missing from just outside his home on April 8, 1986. The day of his disappearance, 6-year-old's body was found in a wash located in Agoura Hills.

If convicted as charged, Rasmuson faces the death penalty or life in state prison without the possibility of parole. The decision on whether to seek the death penalty will be made at a later date.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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