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**Jury Convicts Man  
In USC Grad Student Slayings**

A 22-year-old Los Angeles man was convicted today of the 2012 fatal shootings of two USC graduate students from China during a botched robbery, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

A jury of seven women and five men deliberated less than 1 1/2 days before finding Javier Bolden guilty of two counts of first-degree murder of Ming Qu and Ying Wu on April 11, 2012, during a robbery attempt. The two engineering students, both 23, were gunned down in the 2700 block of Raymond Avenue.

Bolden also was convicted of one count of attempted murder and one count of assault with a semiautomatic firearm in a separate shooting that occurred on Feb. 12, 2012. In addition, the jury found all special circumstances and special allegations to be true.

Deputy District Attorney Daniel Akemon with the Major Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

Bolden is facing life in prison without the possibility of parole when he returns on Nov. 17 for sentencing before Superior Court Judge Stephen Marcus in case BA397880.

A second defendant, Bryan Barnes, 21, was sentenced in February to life in prison without the possibility of parole after pleading to the two murders and admitting he was the shooter.

The Los Angeles Police Department investigated the case.

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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](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.