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**Man Charged With Killing 3-Year-Old Girl
at Los Angeles Garment Factory**

A man was charged today with fatally stabbing a 3-year-old girl at a clothing factory in downtown Los Angeles earlier this week, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ricardo Utuy (dob 6/7/82) was charged in case BA451497 with one count each of murder and attempted murder as well as a special allegation that Utuy personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife. He is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On Oct. 31, a couple brought their daughter to work at a factory in the 800 block of McGarry Street. The victim went to give her father a cookie when the girl was seen by her mom running toward her with Utuy close behind.

He is accused of stabbing the girl multiple times with a knife. She was taken to a hospital where she died.

Utuy also is charged with attempted murder for an attack on a woman at another factory in downtown Los Angeles on March 10. Utuy allegedly stabbed the woman before fleeing.

If convicted as charged, Utuy faces life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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