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Man Convicted of Killing Toddler Son

A 44-year-old man was found guilty today of beating his 19-month-old son to death, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

The jury deliberated for less than two days before finding Jesus Vega Estrada (dob 11/22/69) of Anaheim guilty of second-degree murder and assault on a child causing death in case KA103873.

Estrada is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 15 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Pomona in Department F. The defendant faces up to 25 years to life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Michael Matoba, who prosecuted the case, said on Nov. 27, 2013, Estrada visited his toddler son at the mother's home in Valinda.

At around 11:15 p.m., Estrada told the child's mother that he was going to take him out to purchase some juice and candy, the prosecutor said.

When Estrada and the child returned to the home at 11:45 p.m., the victim was vomiting. The parents then took the child to the hospital where the toddler died early the next morning, the prosecutor added.

At trial, coroner's officials testified that the victim died from blunt force trauma to the liver. Also, the child had trauma to his head, bruising on the body and broken ribs.

Additionally, the prosecutor argued during trial that there were uncharged acts of abuse on Oct. 17 and 20 — dates when Estrada had visitation with the child.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Homicide Bureau.

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