

*Jackie Lacey*  
District Attorney  
<http://da.lacounty.gov>



NEWS RELEASE

**Media Contact:**

Jane Robison  
Sr. Public Information Officer  
213-974-3525  
[JRobison@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:JRobison@da.lacounty.gov)  
Twitter: @LADAOOffice

Nov. 17, 2014

**Man Sentenced to Two LWOPs  
In USC Grad Student Slayings**

A 22-year-old Los Angeles man was sentenced today to two consecutive terms of life in prison without the possibility of parole for the 2012 fatal shootings of two USC graduate students from China, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Javier Bolden was found guilty in October of the first-degree murders 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. The jury found true the special circumstances of multiple murders and murder during the commission of a robbery and the special gun use allegation. Prosecutors did not seek the death penalty in this case.

Superior Court Judge Stephen Marcus also sentenced Bolden to an additional life term plus another 22 years to be served consecutively to the two LWOPs. The jury found Bolden guilty of a separate attempted murder and an assault with a semiautomatic firearm in a shooting that occurred on Feb. 12, 2012.

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

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.

###

**About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office**

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.