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**Santa Fe Springs Man Sentenced for Murder of
Victim Discovered Encased in Concrete**

A 49-year-old man was sentenced today to 50 years to life in state prison for killing a former coworker and then hiding his body by encasing it in concrete under a Santa Fe Springs business, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Steven Schreiner said Juan Alberto Galvez was found guilty on Oct. 23 of one count of first-degree murder.

The jury also found true the allegation that Galvez used a shotgun to commit the murder and found him guilty of misdemeanor possession of methamphetamine in case VA128108.

On Dec. 23, 2012, Galvez shot Guillermo Díaz, 38, at a skylight manufacturing business where both men previously worked together, according to court testimony. Galvez had grown resentful toward Díaz after being fired from the skylight business, according to the evidence presented at trial.

In an effort to hide the victim's body, Galvez encased it in cement and buried it under a makeshift shower he constructed at an auto repair business where he worked within the same industrial park area, the prosecutor said.

The Whittier 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 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.