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**Man Convicted of Domestic Violence Killing of
Live-In Partner, Setting Bedroom on Fire**

A Van Nuys man was sentenced today to 12 years and eight months in state prison for killing his 33-year-old live-in partner in their apartment and then setting the room on fire, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Angela Jordan said Ezekiel Jamal Dear, 27, was found guilty on Oct. 19 of one count each of voluntary manslaughter with a knife use allegation and arson in case LA083774.

Dear stabbed Yazmin Michael P. to death during a dispute and then set their apartment on fire on Jan. 31, 2015, according to trial testimony.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Van Nuys Division.

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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 protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.