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Trio Convicted of Murder-for-Hire Plot in Long Beach

Three people have been convicted of various charges related to the planning of a break-in of a Long Beach home to kill a defendant's mother, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Dec. 1, a jury convicted Frank Haverly, 42, of three felony counts: conspiracy to commit murder, attempted murder and home invasion robbery in case NAO97487.

Haverly's wife and co-defendant, Holly Ramos, 43, was found guilty by a jury on Dec. 3 of seven felony counts: two counts of forgery and one count each of conspiracy to commit murder, attempted murder, home invasion robbery, second-degree commercial burglary and grand theft of labor.

A third defendant, Keith Phillips, 52, was convicted today of home invasion robbery. Jurors also found true the special allegation that Phillips personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a bat, during the commission of the crime. Additionally, jurors found true that Phillips personally inflicted great bodily injury on the victim.

Deputy District Attorneys Irene Lee and Rachel Bodley, who co-prosecuted the case, said Holly Ramos had been defrauding her mother, the victim, of money between July and September 2013.

The mother discovered Ramos was forging checks from her savings account, prosecutors said. Additionally, the mother petitioned for custody of Ramos' children subsequent to the arrest of Ramos on drug possession and child endangerment charges on September 15, 2013 in Monterey County, prosecutors said.

After learning this, Haverly and Ramos hired defendant Phillips to rob and kill Ramos' mother, the prosecutors said.

On Oct. 11, 2013, Phillips, armed with a bat concealed in a briefcase and gloves, went to the victim's home under the guise of being a social worker from the Monterey County Child Protective Services to do a home inspection, prosecutors said. He gave his real name. During the tour of the victim's home

and when her back was turned, Phillips struck the victim on her head twice, exposing her skull and causing excessive bleeding, prosecutors said.

In the course of fleeing the home, Phillips stole the victim's purse and the fraud report she made against her daughter, the prosecutors said.

Following a month-long investigation into the brutal attack on the victim, authorities charged Haverly, Ramos and Phillips in connection with the crimes.

Sentencing for Ramos is scheduled for Jan. 8. She faces a possible maximum sentence of 49 years and eight months to life in prison. Haverly's sentencing is due to occur on Jan. 22. He faces 49 years to life in state prison. Phillips is expected to be sentenced on Feb. 5 and faces 11 years in state prison.

All three defendants will be sentenced in Department 20 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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