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Downey Man Pleads in Fatal Arm Stabbing

A 38-year-old man that stabbed another man was sentenced today to 12 years in state prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Don Syn said William Johnson of Downey pleaded no contest to one felony count of voluntary manslaughter on Nov. 19 in case VA134192.

Johnson also admitted a special allegation that he personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Peter Espinoza of the Norwalk Branch also ordered Johnson to pay more than \$2,000 in restitution to the Victim Compensation Board.

On March 4, Johnson and the victim, Darin Sivley, 53, were at an acquaintance's home. During the visit, the victim got into an argument with the homeowner, who then asked Sivley to leave, the prosecutor said.

Johnson became involved in the argument, pulled out a knife and stabbed Sivley in the upper arm. The puncture severed a major artery and the victim began to bleed profusely, the prosecutor added.

Johnson placed a tourniquet on Sivley's arm and the victim then left on his bicycle to go to the hospital. Sivley ultimately collapsed on the street and died.

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

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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 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.