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## **Man Found Guilty of Raping Woman in Boyle Heights**

A 23-year-old man was convicted today of raping a woman after he broke into her Boyle Heights home last year armed with a machete, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors deliberated for more than a day before finding Manuel Larios Munoz guilty of one count each of forcible rape, forcible oral copulation, sexual penetration by foreign object, first-degree residential burglary, person present, and assault.

Deputy District Attorney Lowrie Mendoza of the Sex Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

On May 15, 2015, Munoz broke into the victim's house shortly after midnight. He got on top of the 30-year-old woman and sexually assaulted her. He then dressed himself, grabbed a machete that he brought off the floor and left the house, the prosecutor said.

A month earlier, Munoz attempted to rape a 34-year-old woman who had been sitting in her car across the street from where the other victim lived.

Munoz faces a possible maximum sentence of 96 years to life in state prison when he is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 7.

Case BA436670 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department's Hollenbeck Division.

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