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Woman Sentenced to 15 Years in Prison For Murdering Sister

A 62-year-old woman was sentenced today to 15 years in state prison for murdering her disabled sister five years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney announced.

Amy Sam Ho was found guilty of second-degree murder and dependent adult abuse resulting in death on July 8.

Deputy District Attorney Tina Hooks of the Elder Abuse Section prosecuted the case.

On Oct. 10, 2011, the defendant brought her 60-year-old sister Cora Sam to a hospital emergency room in Montebello. She appeared lifeless and in a state of rigor mortis, the prosecutor said. After medical staff tended to her, the victim was declared dead.

Upon examination after her death, Cora Sam had several large sores and only weighed 66 pounds. She died of sepsis because of the infected sores, the prosecutor said.

The defendant was her disabled sister's full-time caregiver. During the investigation, detectives learned that Amy Sam Ho stopped taking her sister to the doctor for approximately one year and failed to seek medical treatment when the sores became progressively worse.

Case BA395107 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau.

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