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Long Beach Man Found Guilty of Fatal Screwdriver Stabbing

A 33-year-old Long Beach man was convicted today of stabbing a man to death, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Lindsay Kurtis said Arturo Ruiz Torres (dob 1/18/81) was found guilty of second-degree murder in case NA097414.

The jury also found true the allegation that a screwdriver was used as a deadly weapon.

Torres will face 16 years to life in state prison at sentencing on Jan. 29, 2015 in Department S18 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch.

According to court testimony, Torres was harassed by an unknown man on Nov. 13, 2013. When Anthony Ramirez, 50, rode his bicycle by the defendant's area, Torres wrongfully believed it was the man that had harassed him and stabbed him three times with a screwdriver, according to the evidence presented at trial.

Torres then fled the scene, leaving the screwdriver lodged in the victim's body, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police 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.