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Florida Man Charged With Capital Murder for Fatal Shooting at Motel in 1984

A man was charged today with the fatal shooting of a 40-year-old man inside a Lennox-area motel more than 35 years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Manuel Fraga-Madan (dob 11/10/53) of Hialeah, Fla., was charged in case BA486958 with one count of murder with the special circumstance allegations of robbery, rape, burglary, lying in wait and torture, making his eligible for the death penalty.

Fraga-Madan was arrested on May 1 in Florida. His arraignment will be scheduled at a later date.

Deputy District Attorney John Lewin of the Major Crimes Division's Cold Case Unit is prosecuting the case.

On July 12, 1984, Fraga-Madan and another unidentified man allegedly forced their way into a motel room where Johnny Williams and others were staying. The two men are accused of raping a 23-year-old woman at gunpoint in front her 1-year-old child as they waited for Williams to return.

When Williams returned to the room, the two men demanded money and drugs from him. When Williams said he had neither, he was shot and killed and the two men fled.

DNA evidence tied the defendant to the crime scene, the prosecutor said.

The defendant faces the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole if convicted as charged. A decision on whether to seek capital punishment will be made at a later date.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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