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Man Charged With Decades-Old Murder of Elderly Woman at Assisted-Living Facility

A man has been charged with killing and sexually assaulting a 67-year-old woman living in an assisted-living facility in Covina nearly 25 years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

David Adolph Bernal (dob 10/22/73) of El Monte was charged in case BA489132 with one count of murder with the special circumstance allegations that the crime was committed during a rape, sodomy and burglary.

He is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

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

On Jan. 19, 1996, the defendant is accused of entering into an assisted living facility in the 800 block of West San Bernardino Road in Covina and strangling Mary Lindgren to death. She also was allegedly raped and severely beaten.

DNA evidence linked Bernal to the murder, 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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