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**CORRECTION: Corrects the date of birth for Hill and the date of the murder.**

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**Man Found Guilty of Special Circumstance  
Murder of Girlfriend's Mom**

A 32-year-old man was found guilty today of killing his girlfriend's mother with the girlfriend's help, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Angela Jordan said a jury convicted Troy Monroe Hill (dob 1/8/86) of one count of first-degree murder with a special circumstance allegation of lying in wait.

The jury also found true an allegation that Hill used an ax handle as a deadly weapon.

His co-defendant, Shannon Marie LaFon (dob 7/6/88), the victim's daughter, pleaded no contest on June 7, 2017, to one count of second-degree murder.

Hill faces life in prison without the possibility of parole and is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 13 in Department S of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

LaFon is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 8 in the same department. She faces 15 years to life in state prison.

On or between Sept. 4 and 8, 2014, Hill and LaFon killed LaFon's mother, Trudy Douglass, 53, after she asked the couple to move out of her Van Nuys house, according to evidence presented at the trial. Defendant Hill struck the victim on the head with the ax handle and then used the handle to strangle the woman, the prosecutor said.

Both defendants then dragged the victim into a bathtub and left her there, the prosecutor added.

Case LA079202 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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