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**Man Convicted of Manslaughter of
Elderly Roommate in Long Beach**

A 52-year-old man was convicted today of fatally stabbing his roommate at a Long Beach apartment last September, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors deliberated for more than a day before finding William Earl Wilson guilty of one count of voluntary manslaughter. He faces 12 years in state prison. Sentencing will be set at a later date.

Deputy District Attorney Tony Cho of the Elder Abuse Section prosecuted the case.

On Sept. 19, 2016, Wilson got into an altercation with 72-year-old Jacob Howard at a friend's apartment. The defendant stabbed Howard who was rushed to a hospital where he died.

Case NA105002 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 protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.