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Pair Charged With Capital Murder of Woodland Hills Hairdresser

The wife of a hairdresser and her alleged lover were charged today with killing her husband earlier this year in Woodland Hills, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Monica Sementilli (dob 1/10/72) and Robert Louis Baker (dob 5/2/62) were charged in case LA086223 with one count each of murder with the special circumstance allegations that the murder was carried out for financial gain and lying in wait, making them eligible for the death penalty. Baker also faces a special allegation of using a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife.

Both defendants are expected to be arraigned today in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

Deputy District Attorney Beth Silverman of the Major Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

The defendants were allegedly having an affair when they plotted to kill 49-year-old Fabio Sementilli. On Jan. 23, Baker is accused of breaking into Sementilli's home in the 5000 block of Queen Victoria Road.

The victim was sitting on a patio when Baker allegedly fatally stabbed him. Baker is accused of stealing Fabio Sementilli's Porsche that was later found abandoned several miles away.

If convicted as charged, both defendants face the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole. A decision on whether to seek the death penalty will be made at a later date.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery-Homicide Division.

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