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## **Los Angeles Man Indicted in Rape, Torture, Killing of 84-year old Anaheim Widow**

A 25-year-old Los Angeles man was indicted Thursday on suspicion of raping, torturing, stabbing and killing an 84-year-old widow after breaking into her Anaheim home, prosecutors said.

Anthony Darnell Wade was indicted on one felony count of special circumstances murder, the Orange County district attorney's office said. The special circumstances include murder in the commission of rape, robbery, burglary and murder with torture.

Wade also was indicted on one felony count each of elder abuse, first-degree robbery, first-degree residential burglary, torture, forcible rape, the unlawful taking of a vehicle and sentencing enhancements for the personal use of a deadly weapon and causing great bodily injury to an elder, prosecutors said.

He is accused of entering the home of Bessie Whyman through a broken window on Jan. 10 after seeing her sleeping in a bedroom. He allegedly tied her up and punched and kicked her, prosecutors said.

Wade is accused of torturing and murdering Whyman by repeatedly stabbing her with a kitchen knife. He is accused of then taking a blanket and covering her, leaving her body in the living room. He allegedly ransacked her home and stole her purse and car.

The special circumstances make Wade eligible for the death penalty. He is being held without bail and is scheduled to be arraigned May 5 at the Santa Ana courthouse.