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# California jury convicts 'Grim Sleeper'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A former trash collector in Los Angeles was convicted Thursday of 10 "Grim Sleeper" serial killings that spanned two decades and targeted vulnerable young black women in the inner city.

Lonnie Franklin Jr. showed no emotion as a clerk read the 10 murder verdicts in Los Angeles County Superior Court after a two-month trial in the potential death penalty case.

Franklin also was found guilty of one count of attempted murder.

Jurors were told to return May 12 for the trial's penalty phase. Franklin could receive the death penalty.

The killings from 1985 to 2007 were dubbed the work of the "Grim Sleeper" because of an apparent 14-year gap after one woman survived a gunshot to the chest in 1988.

The crimes went unsolved for decades and community members complained that police ignored the cases because the victims were black, poor and some were prostitutes

and drug users.

Much of the violence unfolded during the nation's crack cocaine epidemic when at least two other serial killers prowled the part of the city then known as South Central.

The 10 victims, including a 15-year-old girl, were fatally shot or strangled and dumped in alleys and garbage bins. Most had traces of cocaine in their systems.

Franklin, 63, a onetime trash collector in the area and a garage attendant for the Los Angeles Police Department, had been hiding in plain sight, said Deputy District Attorney

Beth Silverman.

Police eventually connected Franklin to the crimes after a task force was assigned to revisit the case that dozens of officers failed to solve in the 1980s. The DNA of Franklin's son, collected after a felony arrest, had similarities to genetic material left on the bodies of many of the victims.

An officer posing as a busboy later retrieved pizza crusts and napkins with Franklin's DNA while he was celebrating at a birthday party.

It proved a match with material found on the breasts and clothing of many of the

women and on the zip tie of a trash bag that held the curled-up body of the final victim, Janecia Peters. She was found Jan. 1, 2007, by someone who was rifling through a trash bin and noticed her red fingerprints through a hole in the bag.

Silverman described the victims as sisters, daughters and mothers who suffered frailties but had hopes and dreams.

# 110-year-old veteran dies in Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Frank Levingston, a 110-year-old Louisiana man who enlisted in the Army during World War



Levingston

II, has died. Multiple media outlets described him as the country's oldest World War II veteran, but that could not be independently confirmed.

ABC News reported that he enlisted in the Army on Oct. 6, 1942, less than a year after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and launched the U.S. into the war raging in Europe and the Pacific.

"He felt the obligation to give to the country whatever he

possibly could, and he was very excited about it," his nephew Lee Levingston told ABC News. "He gave it his very best."

In December, Levingston was part of a group of veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C., for a ceremony marking the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

Levingston served as a private during the Allied invasion of Italy in September 1943 and did a tour in North Africa, the American Press reported. He was honorably discharged in 1945 and spent much of his post-military life in the concrete finishing business.

He never married or had children of his own but his nephew said he took great pride in taking care of his siblings' children.

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