

LA trial begins for alleged serial killer

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LOS ANGELES - The trial of an accused serial killer has begun in Los Angeles, with prosecutors presenting photos of Chester Dewayne Turner's 11 alleged victims.

Deputy District Attorney Bobby Grace said Tuesday the prosecution would prove that the 39-year-old was behind the killings in the 1980s and '90s, the Los Angeles Times said.

"These are the victims of a killer," Grace said. "Today we can say the name of that killer -- Chester Turner."

The prosecution said it has DNA evidence linking Turner to the crimes. The defense is expected to argue that the evidence is circumstantial, resulting from Turner's role as a dealer who supplied drugs to some of the victims -- several of whom have been identified as prostitutes or cocaine users.

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