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**Man who Stabbed his Mother to Death at 13 Years Old, Previously
Escaped from Custody,**

Indicted on Felony Charges he Manufactured a Weapon in Jail

Ike Souzer has violent history of attacking correctional officers; Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer issued a public warning about Souzer after he escaped in April after being released to halfway house on electronic monitoring

SANTA ANA, Calif. – A 19-year-old man who stabbed his mother to death when he was 13 years old has been indicted by a grand jury on felony charges for manufacturing a shank while being housed at the Orange County Jail.

Ike Souzer, 19, of Garden Grove, has been indicted by the Orange County Grand Jury on one felony count of possession of a weapon in a custody facility and one felony count of manufacturing a weapon in a custody facility. He faces a maximum sentence of four years and eight months in state prison if convicted on all charges.

He pleaded not guilty today.

In April, Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer issued a warning to the public about Souzer, who is considered to be extremely dangerous and violent, after he escaped from the custody of a Santa Ana halfway house following his release on electronic monitoring from the Theo Lacy Facility in Orange. The Orange County District Attorney's AB 109 Task Force tracked Souzer down and arrested him on Easter at a homeless encampment in Anaheim.

In addition to other charges, he pled guilty in December 2021 to attacking three correctional officers and was ordered to wear an electronic monitor for the remainder of his sentence which is set to expire on July 9, 2023.

"This is an extremely dangerous and extremely violent individual who has proven time and time again he will stop at nothing to try to get out of custody," said Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer. "My prosecutors are doing everything they can to protect the public and prevent him from carrying out more violence against jail staff and other inmates."

Senior Deputy District Attorney Ann Fawaz of the Special Prosecutions Unit is prosecuting this case.

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