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**Man who Stabbed his Mother to Death at 13 Years Old, Previously
Escaped from Custody,
Convicted 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 2022 after being released to halfway house on electronic monitoring

SANTA ANA, Calif. – A 20-year-old man who stabbed his mother to death when he was 13 years old has been convicted after a jury trial on felony charges for manufacturing and possessing a shank while being housed at the Orange County Jail.

Ike Souzer, 20, of Garden Grove, was previously indicted by the Orange County Grand Jury on one felony count of possession of a weapon in a custodial facility and one felony count of manufacturing a weapon in a custodial facility. He faces a maximum sentence of four years of local custody time.

He is scheduled to be sentenced on October 24, 2023.

In April 2022, 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, Souzer 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 was set to expire on July 9, 2023.

"This individual is extremely dangerous and extremely violent," said Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer. "Safeguarding the public's safety is paramount and I am extremely proud of the work my prosecutors in Special Prosecutions have done to continue to keep the public safe from someone who has demonstrated time and time again that he has no issue engaging in violence and will do everything he can to escape from custody."

Deputy District Attorney Matt Bradbury of the Special Prosecutions Unit is prosecuting this case.

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