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Gang Members Sentenced to Prison for Pomona Killing

Two gang members were sentenced yesterday to state prison for the fatal shooting of a teenager in 2013, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At Wednesday's court appearance, defendant David Anthony Adams Jr., 24, was sentenced to 36 years to life in state prison in case KA103213. Adams' co-defendant, Nicholas Hempstead, 22, was sentenced to 50 years to life in state prison.

On Nov. 2, a jury convicted Adams of second-degree murder and found a gang allegation to be true. The same jury convicted Hempstead of first-degree murder and found gun and gang allegations to be true.

Deputy District Attorney David Barkhurst of the Hardcore Gang Division, who prosecuted the case, said Adams and Hempstead were members of the Sintown 357 gang.

On Aug. 31, 2013, Adams and Hempstead were in Pomona when they had a dispute with Deon Davis, 17, a rival gang member, the prosecutor said.

During the brawl, Adams punched Davis, according to the prosecutor.

Adams, Hempstead and Davis then drove to the 1200 block of Cromwell Ave in Pomona where they were going to continue to fight. Instead of engaging in a fight, Hempstead fatally shot Davis, the prosecutor added.

Less than a month after the incident, Adams and Hempstead were arrested and charged in connection with the killing.

The case was investigated by the Pomona Police Department.

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