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Gang Member Sentenced to Life for Pomona Killings

A 26-year-old gang member was sentenced yesterday to life in state prison without the possibility of parole for two fatal shootings in Pomona, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Dec. 28, 2016, Israel Magana was convicted by a jury of two counts of first-degree murder and one count of possession of a firearm by a felon in case KA104309.

Jurors also found true the special circumstance allegation of multiple murders as well as gun and gang allegations.

Deputy District Attorney Martin Bean of the Hardcore Gang Division, who prosecuted the case, said on Oct. 23, 2013, victim Covan Brady was at a Pomona donut shop when Magana walked up and shot him.

Surveillance video presented during trial showed Brady trying to get away from the assailant as the shooter continued to fire at him. The video also displayed the shooter wearing distinctive basketball shorts. The same shorts were later discovered in Magana's home with gun residue on them, the prosecutor added.

Following the shooting, Magana fled from the scene. Brady, 25, died at a hospital.

On Nov. 2, 2013, Matthew Martin, 40, was sitting in his car in Pomona when Magana walked up to the vehicle, opened the car door and defendant Edward Osorio, 40, fatally shot the victim.

A witness testified in court that Magana told him that the defendant and Osorio participated in the shooting. Moreover, Magana's DNA was found on the interior door handle of Martin's car, according to the prosecutor.

Osorio was convicted by a jury of first-degree murder with gun and gang allegations and is scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 23 in Department S of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch. He faces a maximum possible sentence of 50 years to life in state prison.

The cases were investigated by the Pomona Police Department.

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