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Compton Gang Member Sentenced

A Compton gang member convicted of manslaughter was sentenced today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Antonio Aguilar said Ronald Armstrong, 25, a member of the criminal street gang the Crips, was sentenced to 15 years in state prison.

Armstrong pleaded guilty to one count each of manslaughter and assault by means of force to cause great bodily injury. He also admitted to a gun and gang allegation in October 2012.

Aguilar said that on Jan. 26, 2009, the victim, Michael Owens, was walking home from school about 2:20 p.m. when the attack occurred.

Defendants Darnell Jones, Luis Torres and Armstrong were riding in two vehicles when they spotted the victim wearing what they thought were rival gang colors. Jones and Torres exited the vehicle, snuck up behind Owens and fatally shot him.

Jones and Torres were each found guilty of first-degree murder in June 2013. Last week, Jones was sentenced to 50 years to life, while Torres was sentenced to 75 years to life in state prison.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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