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Pair Found Guilty of Murder in Convenience Store Robbery

Two men were found guilty today of fatally shooting a store clerk in Highland Park more than two years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors deliberated for two days before finding Rasheen Childs and Bryant Sherell Moore, both 21, guilty of first-degree murder and the special circumstance of murder during the attempted commission of a robbery was found to be true.

Childs also was found guilty of 18 counts of second-degree robbery and one count each of attempted second-degree robbery and false imprisonment by violence. Moore was convicted of 10 counts of second-degree robbery and one count each of attempted second-degree robbery and false imprisonment by violence.

Deputy District Attorneys Robert Song and Jeffrey Herring prosecuted the case.

Childs and Moore entered a convenience store in the 6100 block of North Figueroa Street on Dec. 22, 2013, posing as customers, prosecutors said.

Childs approached 31-year-old clerk Gonzalo Garcia and pointed a handgun at him. As Garcia started to run away, Childs shot the clerk one time and fled the store with Moore. Garcia was taken to a hospital where he died.

Both men also were found guilty of a series of robberies during late 2013.

Childs and Moore face a possible maximum sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole when they are scheduled to be sentenced May 12.

Case BA419941 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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