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**Trio Sentenced to Over 100 Years in Prison for Killing
Former High School Football Player**

Three men have been sentenced to more than 100 years in state prison for fatally shooting a former Garfield High School football player, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Stephen A. Marcus yesterday sentenced Jonathon Joseph Gonzalez (dob 12/4/87) to a total of 173 years to life in prison; Roque Solis (dob 11/4/85) to 129 years to life in prison; and Anthony Aaron Gabriel (dob 7/23/90) to 109 years to life in prison.

The Los Angeles men were each convicted Jan. 30 of one count of first-degree murder, one count of premeditated attempted murder and four counts of assault with a firearm. Gonzalez also was convicted of one count of possession of a firearm by a felon, and the jury found true gang and firearm allegations for all three defendants.

On May 25, 2013, the trio drove to a home in East Los Angeles where Gabriel Soto, 21, was reuniting with a few of his former high school athlete friends. The three defendants were seeking to shoot a witness in an unrelated gang case, according to evidence presented at trial.

While defendant Gabriel waited in a vehicle, Gonzalez and Solis exited the car, crept up on the group and opened fire at the gathering. Soto, who was not the intended target, was killed and another man was injured.

Deputy District Attorney Hilary Williams of the Hardcore Gang Division prosecuted case BA442133.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau investigated the case.

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