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Lancaster Man Sentenced In Killing of Reunited Mother and Daughter

A Lancaster man was sentenced today to life without the possibility of parole for the 2006 killing of his live-in girlfriend and the 18-year-old daughter she had never met, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney William Chung said Christopher Anthony Brown, 44, was found guilty last month of two counts of murder with the special allegation that a handgun was used, and the special circumstance of multiple murders. Judge Lisa Chung of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch, presided over the 21-day trial.

The murders happened on Nov. 21, 2006. Crystal Dawkins had flown to Lancaster from South Carolina to spend Thanksgiving with her mother, Christine Bacon, whom she had not met since birth, according to testimony during the trial.

During the visit, the defendant and Bacon got into an argument that lasted days. Believing that Bacon intended to end their relationship and keep the house they shared, Brown shot both women multiple times, the prosecutor said.

When Dawkins failed to return home to South Carolina after one week, her father attempted to file a missing person report. When unable to do so, he came out to California and began investigating himself, which ultimately led sheriff deputies to enter the home shared by the defendant and the mother on Dec. 18, 2006. The bodies of both victims were found inside, according to witness testimony.

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

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