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Trio Sentenced in Violent Clothing Store Robbery

Three men were sentenced today to lengthy prison terms for their roles in an armed robbery at a Westchester clothing store where more than a dozen employees were held hostage, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Ronald Coen sentenced Raymond Sherman Jr., 36, to 193 years to life in state prison after finding Sherman has prior convictions, making this a Third Strike case. A jury on March 6 found Sherman guilty of 17 counts, including forcible rape, kidnapping and second-degree robbery.

Co-defendant Troy Marsay Hammock, 31, was sentenced to 41 years, four months in state prison. He was convicted of 14 counts of second-degree robbery.

The third defendant, Everett Oneal Allen, 26, was sentenced to 37 years, four months in state prison. He was found guilty of 14 counts of second-degree robbery and one count of assault with a deadly weapon.

Deputy District Attorneys Cynthia Barnes and Darci Lanphere prosecuted the case.

On Jan. 10, 2013, the defendants stormed a clothing store at Promenade at Howard Hughes Center about 11 p.m. The robbery was reported by a spouse of an employee. A SWAT team responded and surrounded the store.

During the robbery, most of the employees were forced to strip down to their underwear. At one point, Sherman forced a female employee into a room and sexually assaulted her, Barnes said. Allen held a knife to a worker's neck, piercing her skin, the prosecutor added.

The three men managed to escape and the employees were freed several hours later.

Case BA406798 was investigated by Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery-Homicide Division.

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