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CORRECTION: An earlier news release said the defendant pleaded guilty. Rather, Jason Haggerty pleaded no contest.

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Pimp Sentenced to LWOP for Long Beach Killing

A onetime suspect in an investigation accused of killing a witness pleaded no contest today to first-degree murder and was immediately sentenced to life in state prison without the possibility of parole, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At today's court appearance, Jason Haggerty of Los Angeles pleaded guilty to one count of first-degree murder in case NA096790. The defendant also admitted special circumstance allegations of lying in wait and intentionally killing the victim because she was a witness to a crime. Haggerty was immediately sentenced after his plea.

Deputy District Attorney Marilyn Seymour, who prosecuted the case, said at the time of the crime victim Jazzmine Wash had recently began prostituting for the defendant.

On July 16, 2013, Haggerty was apprehended by an anti-pimping task force. In that arrest, Wash cooperated with police on their investigation on the defendant, the prosecutor said.

Ten days later, Haggerty traveled to a Long Beach apartment where Wash was staying. When Wash exited the residence, the defendant shot the victim eight times and fled the area, according to the prosecutor. When paramedics arrived, they pronounced Wash, 23, dead at the scene.

Following the shooting, law enforcement began investigating the incident and the events leading up to the killing. On Sept. 10, 2013, Haggerty was charged in connection with Wash's murder.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.