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Gang Member Sentenced for Youth Minister's Murder

A 25-year-old gang member was sentenced today to 90 years to life in state prison for the killing of a youth minister in Venice nearly six years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Eugene Hanrahan of the Hardcore Gang Division said Hopeton Parsley was found guilty by a jury on Feb. 20 of one count of first-degree murder in case SA080993.

The jury also found co-defendant Kevin Dwayne Green, 31, guilty of one count each of first-degree murder and second-degree robbery.

Green faces a 50 years-to-life sentence at a hearing scheduled on June 5 in Department W81 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch.

On April 21, 2014, Nichole Sheran, 20, pleaded guilty to one count of voluntary manslaughter in the same case.

Sheran is expected to be sentenced to 11 years in state prison on June 24.

Oscar Duncan, 23, was near his home on June 4, 2012, returning from dinner with his fiancé when someone in a car cat-called the woman, according to the prosecutor. Duncan approached the car and was shot once in the face as someone shouted the name of a gang, Hanrahan said.

Duncan was involved in gang intervention in addition to being a minister in Compton.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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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 seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.