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## **Man Sentenced to LWOP for Fatal Bellflower Shooting**

A 37-year-old man was sentenced yesterday to life in prison without the possibility of parole for killing a teenager during a drive-by shooting on Halloween four years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jesus Chavez of Los Angeles and his co-defendant Brian Jesse Altamirez (dob 9/1/95) of Norwalk both were found guilty on Oct. 24, 2018, of one count of first-degree murder with a special circumstance allegation of discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle intentionally at another person outside the vehicle with the intent to inflict death.

Deputy District Attorney Steven Schreiner said a jury also found Altamirez guilty of one felony count each of solicitation to dissuade a witness from testifying and dissuading a witness by force or threat.

Sentencing for Altamirez is scheduled on June 25 in Department K of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch. He faces life in prison without the possibility of parole.

On the evening of Oct. 31, 2015, victim Sitani Sialeuvea, 17, was standing in front of a mobile home park in the 16100 block of Bellflower Boulevard when Chavez shot at Sialeuvea with a shotgun from a car, the prosecutor said.

Sialeuvea was taken to the hospital for medical treatment but ultimately succumbed to his injuries.

Chavez was located a day later and arrested. The shotgun used by Chavez was provided by Altamirez for the killing, according to evidence presented at trial.

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

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