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Man Sentenced for Fatal Shooting in Hollywood

A 32-year-old man convicted of murdering a woman in Hollywood last year was sentenced today to life in prison without the possibility of parole, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Robert Perry further sentenced Ezeoma Chigozie Obioha to a prison term of 25-years-to life. Deputy District Attorney Michele Hanisee of the Major Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

Jurors convicted Obioha in December 2016 of one count of first-degree murder and found true a special circumstance allegation that the murder was committed for financial gain. The panel also found true a gun allegation.

On July 5, 2015, Obioha shot and killed Carrie Melvin, 30, as she walked with her boyfriend near Sunset Boulevard and McCadden Place. Obioha owed the victim money for some marketing work she had done for his business.

Case BA450030 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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