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Brothers Found Guilty in Shooting Death of Girl

Two brothers were found guilty today for the car-to-car shooting that led to the death of a 7-year-old girl, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Chung of the Hardcore Gang Division said Jesus Alberto Peralta, 23, and Carlos Peralta, 21, both of Palmdale, were both found guilty of one count each of first-degree murder and shooting at an occupied motor vehicle.

The jury also found them guilty of three counts of attempted willful, deliberate and premeditated murder and found gun allegations to be true.

Sentencing in case MA060719 is scheduled on July 24 in Department A16 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch. Jesus Peralta faces 170 years to life in state prison and Carlos Peralta faces 110 years to life in prison.

According to court testimony, the case began when the Peralta brothers issued a gang challenge to a man at a Palmdale gas station on Sept. 4, 2013. Following a brief confrontation with the defendants, the man left the scene with his girlfriend and her two children, the prosecutor said.

The Peraltas then got in a car, pursued the man and his family and fired several rounds at the vehicle, according to court testimony. Desiree Ybarra, 7, was shot in the head, the prosecutor added.

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

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