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Man Sentenced for Domestic Violence Murders in Winnetka

A 28-year-old man was sentenced today to life in state prison without the possibility of parole for killing his ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend at her Winnetka apartment building in 2016, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Brian Gonzalez, aka Brian Hammons, was convicted in February of two counts of murder with special circumstance allegations of murder during the commission of a kidnapping and multiple murders.

Deputy District Attorney Manuel Almada said that the jury also found true allegations that Gonzalez used and fired a handgun in the commission of the crimes in case LA082639.

On Jan. 17, 2016, Gonzalez confronted his ex-girlfriend, Emily Fox, 22, and Jerrad Scott, 24, in a hallway at her apartment building, the prosecutor said. While Scott attempted to escape, Fox dialed 911. Gonzalez then caught up to Scott and brought him back at gunpoint to Fox's location before fatally shooting both of them, according to evidence presented at the nine-day-long trial.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Valley Bureau.

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