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Brothers Convicted of 2013 Murder For Ex-Boyfriend's Insurance Money

Separate juries have convicted two brothers for killing a Glendale man in a scheme to collect on his \$2.5 million insurance policy, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

A jury today found Hovanes "John" Maskovian, 37, guilty of the first-degree murder and attempted kidnapping of his ex-boyfriend, 33-year-old Joshua West. Jurors also found true the special circumstances of lying in wait, murder for financial gain and murder during an attempted kidnapping.

A separate jury on Thursday found his younger brother, Hachik "Kriss" Maskovian, 31, guilty of the same charges in case PA076771.

Deputy District Attorneys Geoffrey Lewin and Richard Dooley co-prosecuted the case.

On April 24, 2013, West was lured to a Sun Valley location where he was beaten, run over by a car and shot by the two men, prosecutors said. West's body was dumped in the 10200 block of Penrose Street in Sun Valley.

Sentencing for Hovanes Maskovian is scheduled for Aug. 25, while Hachik Maskovian is expected to be sentenced on Aug. 26. Each brother is facing life in prison without the possibility of parole.

A third co-defendant, Nazaret "Nick" Bayamdzhyan, 22, is awaiting trial.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department's Foothill Division.

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