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Man Sentenced to Prison for Baldwin Park Killing

A 55-year-old man was sentenced today to 16 years to life in state prison for fatally attacking another man in December, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At today's court appearance, Steven Barron (dob 3/5/62) of Baldwin Park pleaded no contest to one count of second-degree murder in case KA114152. The defendant also admitted a special allegation that he used a knife.

Deputy District Attorney Juree Kim of the Victim Impact Program, who prosecuted the case, said at the time of the crime, Barron was renting a room in the 4000 block of Harlan Avenue in Baldwin Park.

In the early morning of Dec. 9, 2016, Barron got into an argument with Gilbert Ochoa, 43, in the residence's garage. The fight led to a number of physical confrontations started by Barron, according to the prosecutor.

During one of the confrontations, Barron armed himself with a knife and Ochoa armed himself with an aluminum pole, the prosecutor said.

As the two men continued their altercation, Barron stabbed Ochoa in the chest, the prosecutor said. The two men struggled, Barron gained control of the pole and hit the victim over the head, according to the prosecutor.

Authorities were called and Barron was arrested in connection with the killing, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau and the Baldwin Park Police Department.

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