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Man Convicted of 2012 Monterey Park Murder

A 26-year-old man was convicted yesterday of fatally stabbing another in a Monterey Park pizza parlor, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

The jury deliberated for two hours before finding Jose De Jesus Ruiz of Bakersfield guilty of second-degree murder in case GA087785.

Additionally, jurors found true the special allegation that the defendant personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife, during the commission of the crime.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 1 in Department G of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Burbank Branch.

Ruiz faces a maximum possible sentence of 16 years to life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Theodore Swanson, who prosecuted the case, said on Oct. 6, 2012, Ruiz attended a youth football game in Bell Gardens before going to a pizza parlor in Monterey Park.

A group of fans with a rival team also were at the restaurant located in the 1900 block of South Atlantic Boulevard.

While at the restaurant, a verbal argument escalated into a physical fight. During the fight, Ruiz fatally stabbed 25-year-old Patrick Raymond Ortega.

Soon after the incident, authorities located Ruiz and arrested him in connection with the crime.

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

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.