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Man Found Guilty of Murder For Shooting Outside Hollywood Nightclub

A 23-year-old man has been found guilty of first-degree murder for a shooting outside a Hollywood nightclub last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors spent less than a day deliberating before finding Robert Earl Thomas III guilty late yesterday of one count of murder. The panel also found true gang and gun allegations.

Deputy District Attorney Catherine Chon of the Hardcore Gang Division said Thomas shot and killed 19-year-old Andre Lowe outside the Empire Club about 2 a.m. on Jan. 13, 2013. The shooting, which was captured on videotape, happened as the victim and two friends walked to their car in the club's parking lot.

According to court testimony, a man claiming to be a Carver Park gang member approached Lowe and his group. When someone in the group said they do not gang bang the man and others began assaulting them, the prosecutor said. Thomas walked up to the victim during the beating and shot him twice in the back of the head, the prosecutor added.

As the defendant tried to flee the scene in his Porsche Cayenne, he ran over Lowe's body, according to trial testimony. Thomas was arrested several days later in Las Vegas.

He faces up to 50 years to life in state prison when he's scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 2.

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

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