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**Man Sentenced for Fatally Shooting  
5-Year-Old Boy Dressed as Spider-Man on Halloween**

A man was sentenced today to 128 years to life in prison for fatally shooting a 5-year-old boy dressed as Spider-Man on Halloween in 2010 and wounding two others, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Leonard Hall, 26, was found guilty by a jury in May of one count of second-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder. Gun and gang allegations also were found to be true.

Deputy District Attorney Sarika Kim of the Hardcore Gang Division said Hall and Marcus Denson, 23, were members of the Kitchen Crips gang and went into rival gang territory in South Los Angeles on Oct. 31, 2010.

The two men approached the back of a house where a group of men were gathered. Five-year-old Aaron Shannon Jr. was showing his father and others his Spider-Man costume when shots rang out, the prosecutor said.

The boy died from a single gunshot wound to the back of the head and two others were wounded but not seriously injured.

The victims were not associated with any gang.

Denson previously pleaded guilty to one count of voluntary manslaughter and two counts of attempted murder. He is scheduled to be sentenced on Aug. 6 and faces up to 25 years, eight months in state prison.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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