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Man Found Guilty of Murder in Lancaster Computer Store Robbery

A Lancaster man was found guilty by a jury today of killing the owner of the e-Chaps Computer store during a robbery, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

The jury found Timothy Jerode Johnson (dob 10/22/88) guilty of one count of first-degree murder and found true a special circumstance allegation that the killing was committed during a robbery.

Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Chung of the Hardcore Gang Division said Johnson also was found guilty of two counts of second-degree robbery in case MA055727.

Johnson will face life in prison without the possibility of parole when he is scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 19 in Department A21 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

His ex-girlfriend and co-defendant Jinea Aarona Ingram (dob 10/22/87) has a sentencing hearing on Aug. 14 in the same courtroom.

She pleaded no contest to voluntary manslaughter on May 6 and is expected to be sentenced to 21 years in state prison.

On Mar. 23, 2012, Johnson robbed the computer store, pointing a gun at Reed Keith, 59, and a customer, according to court testimony. The customer testified that after being forced to put his face down on the ground he heard Johnson shoot Keith and say, "You didn't think I'd shoot you, did you?"

The customer managed to get away and the defendant took money and computers and ran into a getaway vehicle being driven by Ingram, the prosecutor said.

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

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