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Man Sentenced to LWOP for Killing Ex-Boyfriend

A 37-year-old man was sentenced today to life in state prison without the possibility of parole for killing a Glendale man in a scheme to collect on his \$2.5 million life insurance policy, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On June 24, a jury found Hovanes "John" Maskovian, guilty of the first-degree murder and attempted kidnapping of his ex-boyfriend, Joshua West, 33.

Jurors also found true the special circumstances of lying in wait, murder for financial gain and murder during an attempted kidnapping.

A separate jury found Hovanes Maskovian's younger brother, Hachik "Kriss" Maskovian, 31, guilty of the same charges in case PA076771 on June 23.

Deputy District Attorneys Geoffrey Lewin and Richard Dooley prosecuted the case.

On April 24, 2013, West was lured to a Sun Valley location where he was beaten, stabbed, bitten, run over by a car and shot by the two men, prosecutors said. West's body was dumped in the 10200 block of Penrose Street in Sun Valley.

A third co-defendant, Nazaret "Nick" Bayamdzhyan, 22, is awaiting trial.

Sentencing for Hachik Maskovian is scheduled for Aug. 26. He also faces a sentence of life in state prison without the possibility of parole.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department's Foothill and Robbery Homicide Divisions.

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