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CORRECTION: Corrects name of female prosecutor.

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Two Found Guilty for Drug-Deal Murders in Tarzana

Two men were found guilty today for a double murder during a botched drug deal four years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Guillermo Teran, 27, of Oxnard was convicted by a jury of two counts of first-degree murder with special circumstance allegations of murder during the commission of a robbery, murder by means of discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle and multiple murders.

His codefendant, Tomas Ramos Ochoa, 37, of Los Angeles was found guilty of two counts of second-degree murder in case LA083605.

Ochoa is scheduled to be sentenced on Oct. 21 in Department R of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch. Teran is scheduled for sentencing on Oct. 28.

Ochoa faces 30 years to life in state prison with a consecutive life term and Teran faces life in prison without the possibility of parole.

On June 2, 2015, Christian Barrera-Rivera, 23, and Sonny Peña, 28, were fired upon in Woodland Hills soon after driving up to the defendants, who also were in their vehicle, for a drug deal, according to evidence presented at the trial. The victims sped away but Teran and Ochoa caught up with them in Tarzana, prosecutors said.

The victims were found shot near Corbin Avenue and Calvert Street. Peña was dead and Barrera-Rivera died later at a nearby hospital.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorneys Brad Harmon and Elizabeth Karb.

The Los Angeles Police Department, Van Nuys Station, investigated the case.

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