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Two Sentenced to LWOP for Community College Parking Lot Slaying

Two men convicted of robbing and fatally shooting a 31-year-old man at a Los Angeles Valley College parking lot have been sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Edward Nison said Raheen Ahab Taylor, 33, and Derrick Phillip Wilson, 27, were each found guilty on July 10 of first-degree murder with a special circumstance allegation of murder in the commission of a robbery and three counts of second-degree robbery.

Both were sentenced yesterday in case LA078365.

On the evening of Jan. 25, 2014, Taylor and Wilson were in the community college parking lot where they had agreed to buy marijuana from three men, including Ricardo Zetino, according to court testimony. After meeting, both defendants instead produced handguns and stole the drugs from the men, the prosecutor said.

Zetino was shot to death as he attempted to block Taylor and Wilson's escape, according to evidence presented at the jury trial.

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

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.