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**Gang Member Sentenced to Life in Prison
for Lancaster Street Brawl Murder**

A 33-year-old man was sentenced today to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the special circumstance murder of a Lancaster man shot to death during a 2012 street melee, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Ryan Williams said Cedric Carl Burton Jr., akas Dirty Devil and Lil Ced, was convicted by a jury on Sept. 12 of one count of murder in case MA068747.

The jury also found a true special circumstance allegation of lying in wait to commit the murder and allegations that Burton personally discharged the handgun that killed Brandy Houston, 21.

Before trial, the defendant pleaded no contest to six counts of possession of a firearm by a felon and admitted the allegation that the crime was carried out to further the activities of a criminal street gang.

On Nov. 29, 2012, Houston and his live-in girlfriend got into an argument and she called her sister to pick her up. Her sister instead sent her boyfriend at the time, Terrell Henderson, who arrived with Randy "Bam" Sullivan and Joshua Lockett to pick her up, according to court testimony.

The three men got into an argument with the victim and a few hours later they returned with Burton. A street brawl then ensued, involving around a dozen people, the prosecutor said. During the fight, Burton walked through the crowd directly to Houston and shot him 11 times, killing him, according to the prosecutor.

Henderson, Sullivan and Lockett were found guilty of second-degree murder in 2014 for their role in the incident. They are currently serving life sentences.

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

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