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**Three Found Guilty in Killing of Neighbor
Who Had Complained About Graffiti**

Three gang members have been found guilty of the murder of an Arleta man who had complained about graffiti in front of his house, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Christopher Adata aka Piso, 21, was found guilty of one count of first-degree murder and Javier Garcia aka Fects, 23, and Oscar Sanchez aka Crudo, 30, were both found guilty of second-degree murder.

Deputy District Attorney Robert Rabbani of the Hardcore Gang Division said sentencing in case PA082688 is scheduled on Nov. 15 in Department E of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch.

At about 4 a.m. on December 21, 2014, Garcia, Adata and Sanchez did donuts in their car in front of Edgar Barrientos's house in an effort to lure him out of his home, the prosecutor said. Once the victim came out of his house all three defendants beat him to the ground on two separate occasions, according to court testimony.

When two neighbors came to his aid, the three defendants turned their attention to them. Barrientos then came to the aid of his neighbors but was stabbed to death by defendant Adata, the prosecutor added.

According to witness testimony, Garcia and Barrientos were neighbors. Barrientos complained days before his murder about graffiti in front of his house put there by one of Garcia's fellow gang members. The attack on Barrientos was in response to the complaint about the graffiti, the prosecutor said.

All three defendants also were found guilty of the willful, deliberate and premeditated attempted murder and the assault with a knife on the two neighbors that came to help Barrientos. The jury also found true that all of the crimes were committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with a criminal street gang.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Valley Bureau.

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