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Pair Sentenced in Lancaster Computer Store Murder

A Lancaster man was sentenced today to life in prison without the possibility of parole for killing the owner of a computer store during a robbery, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Chung of the Hardcore Gang Division said Timothy Jerode Johnson, 26, received two consecutive life without the possibility of parole sentences and an additional 25 years-to-life term.

Johnson was found guilty by a jury on Aug. 1 of one count of first-degree murder with a special circumstance allegation that the killing was committed during a robbery and two counts of second-degree robbery.

On Aug. 14, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Kathleen Blanchard sentenced Johnson's co-defendant, Jinea Aarona Ingram, 27, to 21 years in state prison.

Ingram pleaded no contest to voluntary manslaughter on May 6.

According to court testimony, Johnson robbed the e-Chaps Computer store on March 23, 2012. During the robbery he pointed a gun at the store owner, Reed Keith, 59, and a customer. After both victims were forced to the ground, the customer testified that he heard the defendant shoot Keith and say, "You didn't think I'd shoot you, did you?"

The surviving victim escaped while Johnson took money and computers and ran into a getaway vehicle being driven by Ingram, the prosecutor said.

Case MA055727 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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