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Two Found Guilty of Fatal Stabbing on High School Campus

Jurors today convicted two gang members for the murder of an 18-year-old man on the campus of Cleveland High School in Reseda, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Scott Marcus said brothers Anthony Carpio, 18, and Michael Steven Carpio, 20, were both found guilty of one count of second-degree murder in case LAO73936.

The jury also found true gang allegations for both defendants. Additionally, a knife-use allegation was found true for Anthony Carpio, who carried out the stabbing.

The Carpio brothers face a maximum sentence of 15 years to life in state prison at a hearing scheduled on Dec. 9 in Department R of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

A third co-defendant, Michelle Pineda, 20, pleaded no contest on Oct. 20 to one felony count of accessory after the fact with knowledge of crime.

She is expected to be sentenced on Nov. 4 to two years in state prison to be served in local custody.

On April 24, 2013, the brothers – both members of the Rockwood street gang – approached Kevin Orellana as he played handball at Cleveland High School.

The defendants issued a gang challenge before the fatal attack, according to court testimony.

Witnesses said that a fight ensued and Anthony Carpio stabbed Orellana. Both defendants then ran into a getaway vehicle driven by Pineda, the prosecutor said. Orellana was not a gang member, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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