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Gang Member Convicted of 2008 Triple Murders

Jurors today convicted a Gardena 13 gang member charged with the 2008 murders of three and the attempted killing of a fourth person, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Cynthia Barnes of the Hardcore Gang Division said Luis Erasmo Rivera Garcia, 30, of Compton was convicted of three counts of first-degree murder with a special circumstance allegation of multiple murders.

Garcia also was convicted of one count of attempted murder with an allegation of premeditation found true. Jurors additionally found true gang and gun use allegations, the prosecutor said.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Steven Van Sicklen of the Torrance Branch presided over the nine-day trial. Garcia is expected to be sentenced on Jan. 17, 2014. The defendant faces a maximum sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Garcia fatally shot the three victims and wounded a fourth on Aug. 10, 2008, on Imperial Highway and Western Avenue in an area of Hawthorne where motorists commonly cruise their vehicles.

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