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Two Found Guilty of 2014 Murder of Man in Long Beach RV

A 37-year-old woman and a 24-year-old man have been found guilty of beating a man to death in the recreational vehicle where he lived, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Rachel Hardiman said a jury found Anthony Josua Paz guilty today of one count of second-degree murder.

The same jury also found Jazmin Montañez guilty yesterday of first-degree murder in case BA425236.

Montañez is scheduled for sentencing on Dec. 15 and Paz on Jan. 18 in Department S23 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch. Paz and Montañez face life in state prison.

On Oct. 22, 2015, three other defendants in the case, Diana Sequen, 23, Jose Zolorza, 21, and David Romero, 31, each pleaded guilty to one count of assault with a deadly weapon with great bodily injury and were sentenced to eight years in state prison.

Victim Thomas Taylor, 60, would allow the five defendants to visit him and do drugs together at his RV, until one day Taylor decided he wanted more privacy and asked them not to come back, according to the evidence presented at trial. On the evening of Jan. 27, 2014, Taylor was beaten to death inside his home and his RV was set on fire with his body inside, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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