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## **Gang Member Receives Life Sentence for Murdering Boy, Uncle in South Los Angeles**

A gang member was sentenced today to life in prison without the possibility of parole for murdering a 2-year-old boy and the child's uncle in South Los Angeles three years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Curtis Rappe also ordered 21-year-old Davion McClelland to pay more than \$11,000 in restitution. In September, jurors found McClelland guilty of two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder. The jury also found true gun and gang allegations as well as the special circumstance of multiple murders in case BA385552.

Deputy District Attorney Russell Moore of the Hardcore Gang Division said McClelland and an accomplice were riding their bicycles in South Los Angeles on May 23, 2011. One of the two men opened fire on two rival gang members. The shots missed their intended targets, but one of the bullets struck and killed Joshua Montes and his uncle, Josefata Canchola, outside the family's South Los Angeles home.

The boy was in his uncle's arms when he was shot, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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