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Man Found Guilty of Fatal Shooting in Hollywood

A 32-year-old man was found guilty today of murdering a woman in Hollywood last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors deliberated for more than a day before deciding Ezeoma Chigozie Obioha was guilty of one count of first-degree murder as well as a special circumstance allegation that the murder was committed for financial gain. The panel also found true a gun allegation.

Deputy District Attorney Michele Hanisee with the Major Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

On July 5, 2015, Obioha shot and killed Carrie Melvin, 30, as she walked with her boyfriend near Sunset Boulevard and McCadden Place. Obioha owed the victim money for some marketing work she had done for his business.

Sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 5, 2017, when Obioha faces a possible maximum sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Case BA450030 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.