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Man Sentenced for Killing Victim in Front of Boy in Long Beach

A 35-year-old man was sentenced today to 122 years to life in state prison for fatally shooting a man in the presence of a 6-year-old boy, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On July 9, a jury found Jason Monroe Daniels guilty of three felony counts in case NA106266: second-degree murder, child abuse under circumstances or conditions likely to cause great bodily injury or death and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Deputy District Attorney Marlon Duke Powers said the jury also found true allegations that the defendant personally and intentionally discharged a firearm, which caused great bodily injury and death.

Daniels visited an ex-girlfriend's family home in the 500 block of Cherry Avenue in Long Beach on April 19, 2017. While at the residence, the defendant became agitated when he saw victim William Luther Hayes outside spending time with the ex-girlfriend's 6-year-old son, according to evidence presented at the trial.

Daniels exited the house, approached Hayes, 38, and shot him in front of the boy, the prosecutor said. Following the attack, the defendant fled the scene. Daniels was arrested two weeks later in Las Vegas, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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