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Gang Member Sentenced to LWOP for Murder of Long Beach High School Student

A Long Beach gang member was sentenced today to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the special circumstance murder of a 15-year-old high school student walking home from school, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Giovanny Montelongo (dob 5/24/96) was found guilty on June 1 of one count each of first-degree murder and second-degree robbery.

Deputy District Attorney Keith Duckett of the Hardcore Gang Division said the jury also found true a special circumstance allegation that the murder was committed during the commission of a robbery and an allegation that the crimes were committed in association with a criminal street gang.

On March 12, 2015, Keyshawn Brooks, a ninth-grade student at Cabrillo High School was robbed and stabbed to death by Montelongo, the prosecutor said. According to the evidence presented, the defendant targeted Brooks because he believed he was a rival gang member.

The victim was not a gang member.

Case NA101415 was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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