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Man Sentenced to Prison for 2014 Murder in Long Beach RV

The last of five defendants was sentenced today to 15 years to life in state prison for participating in the beating death of a man and setting his vehicle on fire three years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Nov. 18, 2016, a jury found Anthony Josua Paz, 24, guilty of second-degree murder in case BA425236. The same jury also found his co-defendant, Jazmin Montañez, 37, guilty of first-degree murder on Nov. 17, 2016. She was sentenced yesterday to 25 years to life in state prison.

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

Deputy District Attorney Rachel Hardiman, who prosecuted the case, said victim Thomas Taylor, 60, would allow the five defendants to visit him and do drugs together in his recreational vehicle.

One day, Taylor decided he wanted more privacy and asked the defendants to not return, according to evidence presented at trial.

On the evening of Jan. 27, 2014, the defendants came back to Taylor's RV and beat him to death. They then set his RV on fire with his body inside, the prosecutor said.

Following the incident, homicide detectives began an investigation into the crime and arrested the defendants several days after the killing.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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