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Man Sentenced in Killing of Witness in Bellflower

A Bellflower man was sentenced today for killing a man who was scheduled to testify as a witness in his robbery trial, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jahmal Lydel Frazier (dob 7/27/89) was sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Raul D. Sahagun to life in prison without the possibility of parole in case VA128849.

In April 2019, a jury convicted Frazier of first-degree murder and found true special circumstance allegations of lying in wait and murder of a witness. Jurors also found true allegations that the defendant personally and intentionally discharged a firearm which caused death.

Deputy District Attorneys Robert L. Villa and Monique Preoteasa prosecuted the case.

On April 5, 2011, Frazier shot the victim, Roshan Bhandari, multiple times at a 7-Eleven in Bellflower. The victim was scheduled to testify that day in Frazier's robbery trial at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Norwalk.

Frazier robbed 7-Eleven store clerk Bhandari at gunpoint in Bellflower on October 23, 2010. The crime was captured by a store surveillance camera. Frazier was arrested by deputies a short distance away from the 7-Eleven and was found with a gun, money, a mask and gloves, according to evidence presented at trial. Frazier was charged with the armed robbery of Bhandari.

Bhandari testified before a jury in the robbery case on April 4, 2011, while Frazier was out on bail. Bhandari was ordered to complete his testimony the next day. That day, Bhandari was shot multiple times in the employee parking lot behind the same 7-Eleven store that was robbed.

Frazier was convicted of the robbery on April 6, 2011 and was sentenced on September 15, 2011 to 15 years in state prison.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's 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.