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Man Sentenced for Killing of Victim Picking Up Girlfriend

A 27-year-old man was sentenced today to 50 years to life in state prison for killing a man who was picking up his girlfriend at a house in South Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Herring said Eduardo Moreno Garcia akas Scrappy and Lalo (dob 5/14/90) was found guilty on April 5 of one count of murder with handgun use allegations.

The co-defendant in case BA439521, Ivan Omar Moreno, pleaded no contest on Feb. 27 to one count of voluntary manslaughter and was immediately sentenced to 12 years in state prison.

On Aug. 25, 2015, victim Armando Ortega, 26, was arriving in his vehicle to pick up his girlfriend near 45th Street and Hooper Avenue when a van with the two defendants aboard drove past him and issued a gang challenge, the prosecutor said.

Ortega was not a gang member but when he stopped at his destination, Garcia exited the van armed with a handgun and proceeded to shoot at the victim's vehicle as he attempted to flee the area, according to court testimony.

The shot went through the back window of Ortega's car, striking him in the back of the head and killing him almost instantly, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Newton Division.

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