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Man Sentenced to Life in Prison For Killing Four at Valley Village Restaurant

A 33-year-old man was sentenced today to life in prison for murdering four people at a restaurant in 2010, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Nerses Galstyan was sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Charlaine Olmedo to two consecutive terms of life in prison without the possibility of parole as well as two additional life terms.

Galstyan was found guilty in March of two counts of first-degree murder and one count each of second-degree murder, voluntary manslaughter and aggravated mayhem. He also was convicted of two counts of attempted voluntary manslaughter. Jurors found true the special circumstance allegation of multiple murders.

Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Chung of the Major Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

On April 3, 2010, Galstyan was involved in a verbal dispute with several people who were attending a memorial service inside the restaurant. He left the eatery and returned with a gun, firing dozens of rounds at patrons. Killed were Hayk Yegnanyan, 25; Vardan Tofalyan, 31; Sarkis Karadjian, 26; and Harut Baburyan, 28.

Galstyan fled after the shooting but was later arrested at a home near Seattle.

Case LA064891 was investigated by Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery-Homicide Division.

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