

Defendant Sentenced for Murder During Carjacking



Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

Semper Justitia

DATE: August 9, 2019

CASE: Daniel Langston (Case #18FE014529)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Jeff Hightower, Homicide Unit

The Honorable Delbert Oros sentenced Daniel Langston to life in prison without the possibility of parole. On July 1, 2019, a jury convicted Langston of the murder of Joaquin Gonzalez and carjacking. The jury found true the special circumstance that Langston committed the murder during the commission of a carjacking and that he personally used a firearm. The jury also found that Langston had been previously convicted of two robberies, which are strikes under California's three strikes law.

On July 25, 2018, the victim was at a fast-food restaurant on Watt Avenue when Daniel Langston approached the victim and asked him for a ride. When the victim declined, Langston attacked him, hitting him several times in the head with a handgun. Langston managed to get into the driver's seat of the victim's truck and put the truck in reverse. The victim was outside of the vehicle and was dragged under the truck's tire. Langston continued to reverse until the victim was run over by his own truck, causing catastrophic injuries to his head and upper body.