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Clark County District Attorney's Office Secures Life Sentences for Jesus Ayala and Jzimir Keys in Hit-and-Run Murder of Retired California police chief

The Clark County District Attorney's Office has secured the maximum allowable sentences under Nevada law for Jesus Ayala, 20, and Jzimir Keys, 18, the two defendants convicted in the intentional hit-and-run murder of retired police chief Andreas "Andy" Probst.

"This sentencing reflects the seriousness of this crime and the value of human life," said Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson. "Jesus Ayala and Jzimir Keys made a conscious decision that resulted in the death of an innocent man. My office remained committed to ensuring they were held fully accountable."

On August 14, 2023, Probst, 64, was riding his bicycle in Las Vegas when he was deliberately struck by a stolen vehicle. Cell phone video showed Ayala, a documented member of the Night Crawlers gang, was driving the vehicle, while Keys was the passenger. The defendants fled the scene, leaving Probst fatally injured. The defendants later posted the cell phone video capturing the murder on social media.

During sentencing, the court imposed the maximum possible sentences based on the defendants' ages at the time of the crime. Both Ayala and Keys were juveniles when the offense occurred, limiting the court's sentencing range under Nevada law. Ayala, the driver in the fatal incident, was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison. Keys, the passenger, was sentenced to 18 years to life in prison.

"This is one of the most callous and heinous homicides I have dealt with in my career. Although the defendants were young, they knew right from wrong, and nothing could excuse the decisions they made that day," said Chief Deputy District Attorney John

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Giordani. "I hope this sentence sends a message to other juveniles that life is sacred and if you take a life, you are forfeiting yours.

The Clark County District Attorney's Office extends its condolences to the family and loved ones of Andreas Probst and remains steadfast in its mission to pursue justice on behalf of Clark County residents.

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