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# REDLANDS: San Bernardino man sentenced in fatal shooting outside bar

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**Redlands police arrested Randy Ortis on Nov. 26, 2011. Ortis was sentenced Friday to 99 years to life in state prison. — PHOTO COURTESY OF REDLANDS POLICE**

Randy Ortis, 25, of San Bernardino, was sentenced Friday to 99 years to life in state prison for the November 2011 murder of a Calimesa man outside a State Street bar in downtown Redlands, the San Bernardino County district attorney's office said.

San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge Victor Stull handed down the sentence.

Kruze Kuaea, 22, was killed Nov. 19, 2011. The shooting also injured two other men, Jeremy Lavanway, 24, and Jared Miller, 26, both Yucaipa residents. Lavanway was shot three times and almost died, and Miller was shot in the leg, prosecutors said.

Redlands police had footage from city cameras and arrested Ortis on Nov. 26, 2011.

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Ortis, 25, was found guilty in May of first degree murder, willful deliberate and premeditated attempted murder, and assault with a firearm, district attorney's spokesman Christopher Lee said in a news release. The court found several firearm allegations and allegations of great bodily injury, Lee said.

On the night of Nov. 19, 2011, Ortis had gone to Charlie Jewell's bar carrying a fully loaded .38 caliber revolver in his pants pocket, prosecutors said. Ortis and his friends got into a fight with the victims. Just before closing time, Ortis shot the victims outside the bar. Ortis stepped out from behind a signal post with his arm fully extended and holding the revolver. He opened fire at Kuaea and Lavanway and continued to fire as Kuaea ran away. Lavanway fell back and to the ground after being injured. Prosecutors said Ortis jumped up and down as he fired the revolver until it was empty.

Kuaea was shot in the heart and also in his thigh. Lavanway almost died, the district attorney's office said.

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