

# Man sentenced to life in prison for killings

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A 58-year-old man was sentenced Tuesday to life in prison with the possibility of parole for his role in the shooting deaths of two Las Vegas residents last year.

Richard Hinger claimed he and Marnie Peot, 30, shot the men in self-defense, but jurors convicted Hinger in March of two counts of first-degree murder with a deadly weapon.

Peot's trial is scheduled to begin July 3 in District Judge Nancy Becker's courtroom.

District Judge Sally Loehrer sentenced Hinger to four consecutive life terms for his crimes, which means he must spend about 40 years behind bars before becoming eligible for parole. He already has spent about a year in custody.

Hinger told jurors he and Peot tied up the wounded men's arms and wrapped duct tape around their heads "to incapacitate them."

Authorities discovered the buried bodies of James Sorenson, 27,

and Scott Rehn, 40, on May 10, 1994, near Callville Bay at Lake Mead.

Hinger said he and Peot made "a serious and an unforgivable mistake" when they tried to cover up the deaths. He said they feared they would go to prison because of drugs they had in the residence.

Police said they believed the victims died around Feb. 19, 1994, during an argument at a mobile home park in the 3700 block of East Lake Mead Boulevard.

District Judge Donald Mosley sentenced 22-year-old Cameron Carlow to three years of probation in November for helping dispose of the bodies, but prosecutors are seeking to revoke the probation and send him to prison. A June 14 hearing is scheduled in Becker's courtroom.

Carlow, who had no prior convictions, said he was on drugs when Hinger and Peot asked him to help get rid of the bodies. He pleaded guilty in September to being an accessory to murder, a felony.