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Officer's killer gets life in prison

The last-convicted **killer** of Detroit Police Officer Shawn Bandy was sentenced Friday to **life in prison** .

James Langford, 26, of Detroit was convicted **in** December of first-degree murder, assault, kidnapping, extortion and robbery charges **in** Bandy's Dec. 5, 1998, shooting death.

Wayne County Circuit Judge George Crockett III gave Langford the mandatory sentence of **life in prison** without parole on the murder conviction.

Langford was allowed to skip the first trial of his codefendants **in** Bandy's murder because he fired his lawyer. A second trial ended **in** a mistrial.

Police called Langford the ringleader of the group. Three other Detroit men were sentenced to **life in prison in** August 1999 for their roles. Montez Moore, 26, D'Andre Coffee, 25, and Thomas Culbreth, 20, each were found guilty of two murder counts and 10 other charges, including kidnapping, robbery and extortion.

Eugene Childrey, whom police said was present the night of the shooting, was allowed to plead guilty to robbery and kidnapping charges **in** exchange for his testimony against the others.

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