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Teen Charged with Murder and Series of Convenience Store Robberies

A 19-year-old Compton man on probation for two prior convictions is due to be arraigned on Jan. 21 on charges he fatally shot a convenience store clerk last month and committed a series of additional armed robberies in December and January, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Rasheen Childs (dob 5-30-94) is charged in case BA419941 with one count of special circumstance murder during a robbery, 11 counts of second degree robbery, one count of attempted second degree robbery, one count of assault with a deadly weapon and one count of false imprisonment by violence.

The complaint also includes allegations that Childs personally and intentionally discharged a firearm, a handgun, and personally used a handgun during the robberies.

Childs and a second suspect allegedly entered a convenience store in the 6100 block of North Figueroa Street about 10:25 p.m. on Dec. 22, 2013, and posed as customers. Childs then allegedly approached employee Gonzalo Garcia, and pointed a handgun at him. As Garcia started to run away, Childs allegedly shot the clerk one time and fled the store along with the second suspect. Garcia was taken to a hospital, where he later died.

The complaint alleges the robberies occurred on Dec. 19, 20, 22, 27 and 31 and on Jan. 2, 2014. Prosecutors said in some cases, there were multiple victims in the stores.

Childs, who was on probation after pleading to a 2013 burglary charge and a 2012 possession of an unregistered, loaded handgun charge, is scheduled to be arraigned at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30, on Jan. 21.

Because this is a potential death penalty case, Childs is being held without bail. Prosecutors will decide later whether to seek the death penalty against Childs. Los Angeles Police Department officers investigated the case.

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