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## **Three Scheduled to be Arraigned in Cleveland High School Fatal Stabbing**

Two alleged teen gang members charged with the murder of an 18-year-old are expected to be arraigned today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Scott Marcus said Anthony Carpio, 17 (dob 5/14/96), of Panorama City, Michael Steven Carpio, 19 (dob 3/31/94), of Pacoima, and Michelle Pineda, 20 (dob 12/27/1993), of Van Nuys, are scheduled to appear in Department R of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

The Carpio brothers were ordered to stand trial on Jan. 8 for one count each of murder with the allegations that Anthony Carpio used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife, and that he committed the felony while being a minor for the benefit of a criminal street gang, according to the prosecutor. The defendants are charged in case LA073936.

Pineda was held to answer to one felony count of accessory after the fact (knowledge of crime) with an allegation that the offense was committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang, the prosecutor added.

According to preliminary hearing testimony, on April 24, 2013, the brothers – both alleged members of the Rockwood street gang – approached the victim who was playing handball at Cleveland High School in Reseda and issued a gang challenge.

Witnesses said that a fight ensued that ended with Anthony allegedly stabbing the victim. Both defendants then ran into a van driven by Pineda, according to preliminary hearing testimony. The victim was not a gang member, the prosecutor said.

Anthony Carpio is being held on \$1 million bail, Michael Carpio is being held on \$1.04 million bail, and Pineda is being held on \$540,000 bail.

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