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Four Charged in Fatal Shooting of 7-Year-Old Boy

Four alleged gang members charged with the murder of a 7-year-old boy and other crimes are expected to be arraigned Thursday in connection with a four-month shooting spree, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Cynthia Barnes of the Hardcore Gang Division said Tradel Billy Faniel, 28 (dob 9/27/85), Paul Eugene Jamar Jr., 19 (dob 8/4/94), Danielle Tonano Peters, 31 (dob 3/12/82), and Windel Roman Faniel, 26 (dob 5/5/87), each face one count of murder with gang and gun allegations for the Dec. 2, 2013 fatal shooting of Taalib Pecante, 7.

The defendants are expected to be arraigned in case SA086599 on Feb. 27 in Department 144 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch.

The complaint includes a special circumstance allegation of multiple murders for Tradel Billy Faniel, who also is charged with the murder of 17-year-old Charles Hall on Sept. 1, 2013. A decision on whether prosecutors will seek the death penalty or life in prison without parole for the defendant will be made at a later date.

Tradel Faniel also is charged with five counts of attempted murder. Co-defendant Jamar Jr. additionally is charged with seven counts of attempted murder; Peters faces six counts of attempted murder; and Windel Faniel is charged with three counts of attempted murder.

The charges stem from a four-month shooting spree in the Mid-City area involving 12 victims between September and December 2013, the prosecutor said.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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