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Gang Member Charged with Triple Murder at Torrance Bowling Alley

A 47-year-old man was charged today with killing three men at a bowling alley in Torrance last month, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney John Chang said Reginald Leander Wallace (dob 6/13/71) of Los Angeles faces three counts of murder, four counts of attempted murder and one count of possession of a firearm by a felon.

The charges include special circumstance allegations of multiple murders and killing to further the activities of a criminal street gang as well as allegations of using a handgun which caused great bodily injury and death.

The criminal complaint alleges Wallace was convicted as a juvenile in 1989 of first-degree murder and that he was convicted as an adult of bringing or possessing a gun within a school zone in 1997 and assault with a firearm in 1998.

Arraignment is scheduled Tuesday in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch. Case YA099532 was filed for warrant on Feb. 14.

Wallace is charged with opening fire at a bowling alley in the 22000 block of Hawthorne Boulevard on Jan. 4. Victims Michael Radford, 20, Astin Edwards, 28, and Robert Meekins, 28, were killed.

The defendant is being held without bail. If convicted as charged, Wallace faces death or life in prison without the possibility of parole. A decision on whether to seek the death penalty will be made a later date.

The case remains under investigation by the Torrance Police Department.

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