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Man Charged With Killing Partner on Skid Row

A man was charged today with murdering his partner on Skid Row earlier this week, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Daniel Molayem (dob 8/14/76) was charged in case BA445216 with one count each of murder and assault with a firearm as well as a personal use of a handgun allegation. Arraignment was scheduled for April 8.

Deputy District Attorney Lisa Kassabian of the Family Violence Division is prosecuting the case.

On March 23, Molayem is accused of approaching the victim, Courtney Y., in the 500 block of San Pedro Street and opening fire. The victim died at the scene.

The defendant and the victim were in a dating relationship for an unknown time, prosecutors said.

Molayem also was charged with an assault the same day on another victim.

If convicted as charged, Molayem faces up to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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