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## Man Charged With Murder After Body Found in Trunk

A 37-year-old man was charged today with fatally shooting a man whose body was found in a trunk, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Andy Yalau Chen (dob 9/24/78) of Baldwin Park has been charged with two felony counts in case GA098556: murder and cultivating marijuana.

The felony complaint included a special allegation that the defendant personally and intentionally discharged a handgun, which caused great bodily injury and death.

The defendant was scheduled to be arraigned today but the court appearance was continued to April 22 in Department 5 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Alhambra Branch. Chen is currently being held on \$5 million bail.

Deputy District Attorney Theodore Swanson, who is assigned to the case, said on March 21 a Monterey Park resident called authorities to report a foul odor coming from a parked vehicle near her home.

When police arrived at the location, they found an unlocked car, the prosecutor said. When the officer opened the trunk, they discovered the body of Chinese national Min Gu. The victim had been shot several times, the prosecutor added.

Authorities began an investigation into the homicide and learned that the defendant had reportedly been one of the last people in contact with Gu while he was still alive, according to the prosecutor.

Law enforcement obtained a warrant to search Chen's home and when they went to the location, it appeared it may have been the scene of the murder, the prosecutor added. Additionally, law enforcement discovered Chen was growing marijuana in the house.

If convicted as charged, Chen faces a maximum possible sentence of 53 years to life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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