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**Man Charged in Connection with Car-to-Car  
Shooting of Woman, Her Son**

A 24-year-old man faces a murder charge for his alleged role in the shooting death of a woman driving through Hawthorne with her son, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Stanley Ross White III (dob 8/6/90) of Bloomington was arraigned today on one count each of murder and attempted murder.

White pleaded not guilty today and is due to return on May 13 to Department D30 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch. Case SA090116 was filed on April 3.

Deputy District Attorney Keri Modder will be prosecuting the case.

On April 1, the victim, Denise Chiffon Berry, 44, drove up to a Hawthorne police officer near Kornblum and Rosecrans avenues saying she was being followed by a vehicle allegedly driven by the defendant, prosecutors said. While the victim parked in front of the officer's patrol vehicle, White's vehicle pulled up and Berry and her 12-year-old son were shot, prosecutors added.

The young victim was wounded and his mother died. Prosecutors said Berry and her son had encountered the car that followed them earlier and had allegedly looked at the occupants of the vehicle.

White's bail is set at more than \$2 million. If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 33 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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