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Compton Man Charged with Murder, Attempted Murder

A 35-year-old man accused of fatally shooting a rival gang member and injuring another pleaded not guilty Tuesday afternoon, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Michael Angelo Daniel (dob 10/17/78), of Compton, was arraigned on one count each of murder and attempted murder in case TA133457.

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

Additionally, the charging document alleges that the crime was committed for the benefit and at the direction of, and in association with a criminal street gang, and with the intent to promote, further, and assist in criminal conduct by gang members.

Daniel appeared before Judge Joel M. Wallenstein at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Compton and his bail was set at \$4 million.

Prosecutors said on May 21, Daniel allegedly injured David Scott, 31, and another man during a drive-by shooting. Scott was taken to a hospital for treatment, where he later died. The second victim sustained non-life threatening injuries, prosecutors said.

After the shooting, law enforcement was called. Witnesses provided authorities with a description of the suspect vehicle. Soon after, sheriff deputies located the car and arrested Daniel.

The defendant's next court appearance is scheduled for June 17 for a preliminary hearing setting at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Compton in Department D. If convicted as charged, he faces a maximum sentence of 75 years to life in state prison.

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

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.