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## **Trio Charged With Murder for Porter Ranch Slayings**

Two men and a woman have been charged in connection with a triple slaying at a home in Porter Ranch earlier this year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Travis Llewellyn Reid (dob 6/3/79) of Baltimore and Kenneth Peterson (dob 7/20/78) of Durham, N.C., were each charged with three counts of murder as well as a special circumstance allegation of multiple murders, making each defendant eligible for the death penalty.

Chaquetta Cook (dob 3/2/79) of Baltimore was charged with one count each of murder and offer to transport cocaine. Case BA478236 was filed for warrant yesterday.

Deputy District Attorney Victor Avila of the Major Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

On Feb. 17, the three defendants allegedly arrived in Los Angeles. The following day, Reid and Peterson are accused of driving to a house in Porter Ranch owned by Gary Davidson, 39.

Reid and Peterson are accused of fatally shooting Davidson, Jesus Perez, 34, and Benito Vasquez Lopez, 46, over a drug dispute, the prosecutor said. All three defendants allegedly left Los Angeles later that evening.

All three defendants are expected to be extradited to Los Angeles. An arraignment date has not yet been scheduled.

If convicted as charged, both Reid and Peterson face a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison without the possibility of parole or death. A decision on whether to seek the death penalty will be made at a later date.

Cook faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery-Homicide Division.

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