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Gang Member Ordered to Stand Trial for Killing of Man Outside of Redondo Beach Home

A 29-year-old man pleaded not guilty today after being ordered to stand trial for the killing of a man standing outside of a Redondo Beach home, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Allyson Ostrowski said Erick Julian Ortega was held to answer on June 2 for one count each of murder and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Case YAO87978 also alleges Ortega committed the crimes in association with a criminal street gang, used a handgun and was convicted in 2005 for making criminal threats and in 2007 for possession for sale of cocaine.

The defendant is due back on July 22 in Department G of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch.

Victim Bobby Reynolds was shot to death on June 21, 2013. According to testimony at the preliminary hearing, the defendant shot Reynolds and then fled to the state of Utah where he was arrested months later.

Among the items recovered after Ortega's arrest were lyrics to a song containing specific similarities to the murder, according to court testimony.

The prosecutor will request that the defendant's bail be raised to more than \$2 million.

If convicted as charged, Ortega faces 50 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Redondo Beach Police Department.

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