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**Suspected Gunman Scheduled to be Arraigned
For Murder at South Los Angeles Carwash**

A man suspected of gunning down a 19-year-old man in South Los Angeles because he wore red clothing is scheduled to be arraigned today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Kanasho Johns (dob 7/2/87) was charged with one count each of murder and possession of a firearm by a felon in case BA437495. He is expected to appear in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center after he was extradited from Texas following his arrest on June 23.

Deputy District Attorney Bobby Zoumberakis of the Hardcore Gang Division said Johns is accused of fatally shooting Tavin Price on May 29. The victim went to a smoke shop with a friend and came across co-defendants Dwight Kevin Smith (dob 2/6/85) and Kevin Deon Johnson (dob 9/22/90).

Smith allegedly confronted the victim and asked whether he belonged to a gang because he was wearing a red shirt and red shoes. Price said he wasn't affiliated with a gang.

Johns was walking down a street when he approached the victim at a car wash and allegedly shot him.

Smith and Johnson have each been charged with one count of murder. They have both pleaded not guilty and are scheduled to return to court for a preliminary hearing setting on July 13.

If convicted as charged, all three defendants face a possible maximum sentence of at least 50 years to life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department's 77th Division.

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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 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.