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**Three More Men Charged with Murder
In Fire-Bombing Deaths**

Three more men are scheduled to be arraigned today in connection with an April 25 arson fire at a South El Monte tire shop that killed three people, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Mario Godina Jr. (dob 2/3/96), Estevan Manuel Castillo (dob 2/25/95) and German Monreal (dob 6/19/95) are scheduled to be arraigned sometime after 1:30 p.m. at the El Monte Branch of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Department 6.

Deputy District Attorney Sean Carney with the Arson and Explosives Unit of Target Crimes is prosecuting the case.

The three, along with co-defendant Robert Fuentes, 19, are charged in case KA109588 with throwing a Molotov cocktail into a tire shop at 1252 N. Santa Anita Ave. shortly before 5:30 a.m. on April 25 following a party.

The four are charged with the deaths of Rodrigo Gonzalez, 18; Destiny Monique Aguirre, 19; and Christopher Jimenez, 20. In addition to three counts of capital murder, all four are charged with one count each of arson causing great bodily injury and use of an explosive to injure.

The complaint was amended on May 19 when felony arrest warrants were issued for Godina, Castillo and Monreal. The three were arrested in Mexico and returned to Los Angeles on Sunday.

The special circumstance of multiple murders makes all four defendants eligible for the death penalty. Prosecutors will decide later whether to seek death or life in prison without the possibility of parole.

All four are being held without bail.

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