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Redondo Beach Man Charged with Domestic Violence Murder

A 22-year-old man was charged today with killing the mother of their nine-month-old baby at a Redondo Beach home and threatening the victim's grandfather, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Maren Dermody said Roy Peña Rodriguez Jr. (dob 7/16/93) of Redondo Beach faces one count each of murder and dissuading a witness by force or threat and two counts of criminal threats in case YA092863.

Rodriguez is scheduled for arraignment today in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch.

On Aug. 12, the defendant allegedly shot Paige Chiarello, 21, in the head during a domestic dispute at her grandfather's home, the prosecutor said. When the grandfather attempted to help his granddaughter and great-grandson who was in the same room, Rodriguez threatened him, the prosecutor added.

The grandfather managed to call 911 and the defendant was arrested following a short standoff with police, Dermody said. The victim died at a hospital the next day.

If convicted as charged, Rodriguez faces a possible maximum sentence of more than 71 years to life in state prison.

The prosecutor is requesting \$2 million bail.

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

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