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**Man Charged in Series of Shootings  
Around Los Angeles**

A Sylmar man was charged today with murder in the fatal shooting of a man in Pacoima, the attempted murder of a couple in West Hollywood and the fatal shooting of two dogs in a series of random shootings that began on Aug. 21, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Alexander Hernandez (dob 5/12/80) is scheduled to be arraigned later this afternoon in case PA081724 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in San Fernando, Department S. Prosecutors will ask that he be held without bail.

Deputy District Attorneys Tannaz Mokayef and Michele Hanisee with the Major Crimes Division are prosecuting the case.

Hernandez is charged with one count of capital murder in the fatal shooting of Gildardo Morales, 48, on Aug. 21. Morales was driving his pickup truck to work when he was shot and killed in the Pacoima area.

On Aug. 22, Hernandez allegedly fired at a husband and wife who were in their vehicle in West Hollywood. They were not injured.

The following day, Hernandez drove by a house in Pacoima and shot three dogs, killing two and injuring the third, before driving away in his vehicle, prosecutors said.

He is charged with one count of murder with the special circumstance of shooting at an occupied vehicle, two counts of attempted murder, one count of shooting at an occupied vehicle and three counts of animal cruelty. He also is charged with two counts of discharge of a firearm with gross negligence, one count of possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of ammunition.

The complaint alleges Hernandez has four prior convictions, including for possession for sale of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance with a firearm and possession of a firearm by a felon.

The special circumstance of a drive-by shooting makes Hernandez eligible for the death penalty. Prosecutors will decide later whether to seek the death penalty.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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