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## **Two Charged with Murder of West Covina Man**

Two men were charged today with the murder of a West Covina man, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Elijah Thomas Rouse (dob 12/20/00) of La Verne and Shaun Cardarelli (dob 6/22/82) of San Gabriel both face one count of murder with the special circumstance allegation of killing during the commission of a robbery and an allegation that they used a knife as a deadly and dangerous weapon.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department F of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch.

Rouse and Cardarelli are charged with killing John Aguila, 28, on Aug. 22, prosecutors said.

The two defendants face the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole if convicted as charged. A decision on whether to seek capital punishment will be made at a later date.

Case KA121884 remains under investigation by the West Covina Police Department.

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