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Northern California Man Charged with Murder, Arson

A Northern California man was charged today with murder and arson following the fatal stabbing of a man whose charred remains were discovered in a burned out car in May, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Carlo Giuliano Cresci (dob 7/6/91) is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon at Los Angeles County Superior Court in San Fernando, Department S, in case PA081843. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$1 million.

Cresci, of Richmond, is charged with one count of willful, deliberate, and premeditated murder and one count of arson causing great bodily injury. The complaint alleges personal use of a deadly weapon, a knife.

Deputy District Attorney Sean Carney with Target Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

Cresci is charged with the May 24 murder of Jose Alberto Martinez. Martinez was fatally stabbed while sitting in a car parked in a Sylmar neighborhood. The car was then set on fire, Carney said.

The Los Angeles Police Department is investigating the case.

If convicted, Cresci faces up to life in state prison.

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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 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.