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**Man Charged with Capital Murder
for Bellflower Shooting**

A 33-year-old man pleaded not guilty today to killing a teenager during a drive-by shooting on Halloween night, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jesus Chavez (dob 11/23/81) of Los Angeles has been charged with one count of murder in case VA140483.

The felony complaint includes a special circumstance allegation of discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle intentionally at another person outside the vehicle with the intent to inflict death.

Additionally the charging document includes a special allegation that the defendant personally and intentionally discharged a shotgun which caused great bodily injury and death.

Prosecutors said on the evening of Oct. 31, victim Sitani Sialeuvea was standing in the 16100 block of Bellflower Boulevard when Chavez allegedly shot at Sialeuvea from a car.

Sialeuvea, 17, was taken to the hospital for medical treatment, but ultimately succumbed to his injuries.

On Nov. 1, authorities located Chavez and arrested him in connection with the fatal shooting.

Chavez is scheduled to return to court on Dec. 14 for a preliminary hearing setting in Department J of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch.

If convicted as charged, Chavez faces the death penalty or life in state prison without the possibility of parole. The decision on whether to seek the death penalty will be made at a later date.

The case is being investigated 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.