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## Felon Pleads Not Guilty to Glendora Murders

A Glendora man accused of fatally stabbing two homeless men pleaded not guilty yesterday, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Drew Alan Friis (dob 3/25/85) has been charged with two counts of murder in case KA102843. The charging document includes a special circumstance allegation of multiple murders, as well as a special allegation of personal use of a deadly weapon, a knife.

Additionally, the felony complaint alleges that Friis was previously convicted of arson of property and grand theft of an automobile in 2010.

Deputy District Attorney Duke Chau, who is prosecuting the case, said on Aug. 15, 2013, Friis killed two homeless men, John Anthony Welch and Warren Jay Blagrove, both 52 years old.

The defendant was arrested in connection with the assault the same day of the incident and held without bail.

Friis is scheduled to return to court on Feb. 20 for a preliminary hearing at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Pomona, Department N.

If convicted as charged, Friis faces a sentence of death or life in state prison without the possibility of parole.

The case is being investigated by the Glendora Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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