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Man Charged With Ambush Shooting of 2 Sheriff's Deputies

A Compton man was charged today with attempting to murder two Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies while they sat in their car outside the Martin Luther King Jr. Transit Center earlier this month, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Case TA152697 was amended today to add two counts each of willful, deliberate and premeditated attempted murder of a peace officer and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Deonte Lee Murray (dob 6/2/84) is expected to be arraigned today in Department D of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Compton Branch.

On September 12, the defendant allegedly walked up to a car occupied by two sheriff's deputies outside a Metro station and opened fire. He then fled the scene.

Both deputies were seriously injured and taken to a nearby hospital.

Prosecutors are recommending bail be set at \$6.15 million. If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum life sentence in state prison.

Murray was charged on September 17 with one felony count each of carjacking, second-degree robbery and assault with a semiautomatic firearm-personal use of a firearm.

On September 1, the defendant allegedly confronted a man in Compton, shot him in his leg and then stole the victim's vehicle.

Murray was found and arrested on September 15, three days after he allegedly shot at the deputies.

He faces an additional count each of attempted murder in connection with the carjacking and possession of a firearm by a felon.

He also faces allegations of association with a criminal street gang, discharging a rifle inflicting great bodily injury and personal use of a rifle in the carjacking incident.

Deputy District Attorney Jacques Garden of the Crimes Against Peace Officers Division is prosecuting the case.

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

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