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JUDGE ORDERS TRIAL FOR MAN CHARGED WITH GANG-RELATED MURDER OF 6-YEAR-OLD GIRL IN MORENO VALLEY

RIVERSIDE – Today, Dec. 13, 2013, a Riverside County Superior Court judge ordered a man to stand trial on charges he murdered a 6-year-old girl and tried to murder the girl's father in a gang-related shooting in Moreno Valley earlier this year.

Keandre Narkie Johnson, DOB: 2-22-92 is charged with one count each of murder, attempted murder, and participation in a criminal street gang. There is also a special circumstance allegation attached to the murder count that the murder was committed to further the activities of a criminal street gang. There are also allegations of gang participation and causing great bodily injury attached to the attempted murder count as well as personal use of a firearm sentencing enhancements.

On Dec. 13, 2013, a preliminary hearing was held before Judge Larrie Brainard at the Hall of Justice in Riverside. At the conclusion of the hearing, the judge ruled that there was enough evidence for Johnson to stand trial as charged. With the special circumstance allegation, Johnson could face the death penalty. A decision whether to seek the death penalty will be made by District Attorney Paul Zellerbach at a later date.

Johnson is scheduled for an information arraignment on Dec. 27, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 41 at the Hall of Justice in Riverside.

Johnson, a documented member of the Moreno Valley-based criminal street gang Edgemont Criminals, is charged with the Sept. 7, 2013, murder of 6-year-old Tiana Ricks and the attempted murder of her 26-year-old father. The girl and her father were among a group of people in the garage area at a home on Harker Lane in Moreno Valley when the shooting happened. Multiple shots were fired and both Tiana and her father were struck. Both victims were taken by ambulance to Riverside County Regional Medical Center in Moreno Valley where Tiana was pronounced dead.

After the shooting, numerous tips were provided to investigators with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Central Homicide Unit and Moreno Valley Police Department detectives which ultimately led to the identification of Johnson as a suspect in the gang-related shooting. Investigators arrested Johnson about 4 p.m. on Sept. 17, 2013, in Hemet and he was booked at the Robert Presley Detention Center in Riverside.

Johnson was a parolee-at-large for not reporting to his parole officer as required as a term of his parole. Johnson was on parole from a 2011 burglary conviction in Riverside County.

The case, RIF1310563, is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Michael Carney of the DA's Gang Unit.