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DA'S OFFICE FILES CHARGES IN 2015 GANG-RELATED DOUBLE MURDER

Arraignment for two defendants is scheduled for today in Riverside

RIVERSIDE – Two defendants charged in a 2015 gang-related double murder in Riverside are scheduled to be arraigned today, Dec. 23, 2016.

Antoine Deshawn James, DOB: 1-26-77, of Bakersfield; and Abiance Linece Turner, DOB: 7-10-91, of San Diego, have each been charged by the DA's Office with two counts of murder, one count of attempted murder, and one count of participating in a criminal street gang. The murder counts also have special circumstance allegations including the murder of a witness to a crime, committing multiple murders, committing a murder to further the activities of a criminal street gang, and murder because of race, religion, or nationality. James is charged with a fifth felony of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Because of the special circumstances alleged, both defendants could face the death penalty. DA Mike Hestrin will make a decision whether or not to seek the death penalty on a future date.

The arraignment is scheduled for today in Dept. 63 at the Hall of Justice in Riverside.

A third person charged in the case, Anthony Lovell Eddington, DOB: 1-7-92, of Coalinga, was killed on Dec. 21, 2016, in an officer-involved shooting in Fresno County when authorities there attempted to arrest him in connection with the Riverside case. He will be removed from the criminal complaint.

The murders and the attempted murder happened the evening of Oct. 23, 2015, in the area of 7th Street and Kansas Avenue in the Eastside neighborhood of Riverside. Three victims – all with gunshot wounds -- were found by responding officers. Victims Juan Antonio Bartolo and Domingo Esteban died from their wounds and the third victim survived after being shot at point-blank range in the face. All the victims are Guatemalan and had no affiliation with any gangs.

Authorities believe that the three men were randomly targeted by gang members who were out looking for people to shoot.

The case, RIF1606009, is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Christopher Cook of the DA's Homicide/Gang Unit.

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