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District Attorney Files Murder Charges in Killing of Two Men in Southeast San Diego

Double Murder Prosecution is Being Handled by the DA's Gangs Division

San Diego County District Attorney [Summer Stephan](#) announced murder charges today against two defendants in connection with the shooting deaths of two men who were standing in front of a Mountain View Park recreation center on May 6. Shannon Andre Bryant, 29, was arraigned on May 15, in San Diego Superior Court on three felony counts, including two counts of murder and being in possession of ammunition illegally. Bryant pleaded not guilty. Elliot Williams was arraigned today on two counts of murder and being in possession of a weapon illegally. Both defendants face life in prison without the possibility of parole. Because a special circumstance was alleged in the criminal complaint, the defendants are eligible for the death penalty. Bail was denied for both defendants and they will be in court again on May 22.

“These murders were senseless acts of violence that left two men dead and a neighborhood terrorized,” District Attorney Summer Stephan said. “Our Gangs Division gives specialized attention to gang-related cases, which come with specific challenges. We’re determined to deliver justice for the victims, their families, friends and loved ones in this case and others in an effort to keep neighborhoods safer through effective gang crime prosecution and prevention.”

The pair has been charged in connection with the shooting deaths of Tony Jackson, 33, and Robert Brown, 37. On May 6, Williams was involved in a verbal argument with Jackson. Afterward, Williams and Bryant went on a hunt for the victim, circling the area of the earlier dispute four times in Bryant’s car. The defendants eventually found the victim at Mountain View Park. Jackson and Brown were gunned down in front of the park’s community center on 40th Street near Ocean View Boulevard. Detectives from the San Diego Police Department investigated this case and arrested the defendants on May 11 and May 15 respectively.

The District Attorney’s Gangs Division prosecutes the most serious gang crimes committed in San Diego County. This division is a vertical prosecution unit (with one prosecutor handling each case from beginning to end) which combines Deputy District Attorneys with District

Attorney Investigators to handle the uncommon and dangerous issues that arise in gang prosecutions.

The Gangs Division works with local, state, and federal law enforcement through numerous gang task forces. Through its approach, the Gangs Division has been successful in addressing and reducing gang crime in San Diego County. Some of San Diego's most violent gangs have been crippled through prosecuting and imprisoning their most violent members on armed assaults, robberies, shootings, and murder convictions. As a result, San Diego gang homicide rates are below average for the last two decades and below that of most major metropolitan cities.

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About the San Diego County District Attorney's Office

The San Diego County DA's Office prosecutes all felony crimes in the county and misdemeanor crimes committed outside the City of San Diego. The office files about 40,000 criminal cases a year and balances prosecution with numerous crime prevention programs. District Attorney Summer Stephan leads the office of more than 1,000 dedicated employees who pursue justice and support victims daily across San Diego County. DA Summer Stephan has devoted her life to protecting children and families and providing justice to the voiceless and most vulnerable. She is a national leader in the fight against sexual exploitation and human trafficking, and has served as a Deputy District Attorney in San Diego County for 28 years.

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