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## Man Charged with Fatal Shooting in Norwalk

A 27-year-old man pleaded not guilty today to killing his friend on Sunday, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

David Kirk Vergara (dob 8/10/90) of Norwalk was charged today with two counts in case VA146859: involuntary manslaughter and discharge of a firearm with gross negligence.

The charging document includes a special allegation that the defendant personally used a firearm during the commission of the crime. Additionally, the felony complaint alleges that Vergara personally inflicted great bodily injury to the victim.

The defendant is scheduled to return to court Feb. 26 for a preliminary hearing setting in Department J of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch.

Prosecutors said Vergara and the victim, David Bernal, were friends.

On Jan. 28, Vergara and Bernal were reportedly hanging out at a Norwalk home when the defendant began showing Bernal a rifle, prosecutors said.

During the presentation, Vergara allegedly pulled the rifle's trigger and shot Bernal, prosecutors added. The victim died at the scene.

Authorities were called and the defendant was arrested in connection with the fatal shooting.

If convicted as charged, Vergara faces a maximum possible sentence of 14 years in state prison.

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

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