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Man Charged with Multiple Counts of Attempted Murder for Compton Shooting

A 22-year-old man pleaded not guilty today to shooting at a group of men and wounding a child in a passing car, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Luis Julian Beltran Perez was charged today in case TA143448 with multiple counts of attempted murder and shooting at an occupied motor vehicle. At arraignment, Perez's bail was set at \$9.07 million.

The felony complaint includes a special allegation that the defendant personally and intentionally discharged a firearm, which caused great bodily injury.

The charging document also alleges that the shooting was committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, and in association with a criminal street gang with the specific intent to promote, further and assist in criminal conduct by gang members.

Deputy District Attorney Shannon Cooley of the Hardcore Gang Division, who is assigned to the case, said on the morning of June 7, Perez reportedly confronted a group of men standing in front of a liquor store near Atlantic Avenue and Compton Boulevard in Compton.

The defendant allegedly retrieved a gun and began shooting at the group, the prosecutor said. One of the stray bullets reportedly struck a child in the head who was sitting in a passing vehicle, the prosecutor said.

A day after the incident, Perez was arrested in connection with the shooting.

The defendant is scheduled to return to court on June 23 for a preliminary hearing setting in Department 10 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Compton Branch.

If convicted as charged, Perez faces a maximum possible sentence of life in state prison.

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

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