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## **Diamond Bar Man Charged with Killing Parents, Dog**

A man was charged today with killing his elderly parents whose bodies were found after a fire at their Diamond Bar home last week, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Rosalba Gutierrez said Ryan Michael Venti (dob 4/1/85) faces two counts of murder with a special circumstance allegation of multiple murders and one count each of arson of an inhabited structure or property and cruelty to an animal.

Arraignment in case KA119479 is scheduled today in Department N of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch.

Venti is charged with killing his parents Linda Venti, 68, and John Venti, 74, on Nov. 2, the prosecutor said. The family's dog also was found dead after the house fire, the prosecutor added.

The defendant faces the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole if convicted as charged. Venti is being held with no bail.

A decision on whether to seek the death penalty will be made at a later date.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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