

Guns: 2 men charged with murder in shooting

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Allen J. Jarasitis after a 10-minute arraignment just after 2 p.m. in Lawrence District Court.

Both face charges of murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and assault with intent to murder in the shooting death of Danny Rios, 33, of 36 Washington St.

Mr. Rios died Saturday morning in the Boston hospital where he was taken after being shot in the stomach Friday night while on the porch of a home at 4 Thorndike St., which runs off side streets near Berkeley Street on the city's north side.

A second victim, Carlos Rivera, 22, of 4 Thorndike St., was treated at Lawrence General Hospital for a gunshot wound to the leg.

Mr. Vasquez and Mr. Cabrera are due back in court on June 16.

Prosecutor Murat Erkan gave the following account of Friday night's shooting:

Between 8 and 9 p.m., Mr. Cabrera was driving a car to the 4 Thorndike St. home of his former girlfriend, Ida Perez, with whom he has a child.

With Mr. Cabrera was Mr. Vasquez and a third man not charged in the incident.

On their arrival at the house, Mr. Cabrera and the third man waited in the car while Mr. Vasquez went inside to deliver child support money from Mr. Cabrera.

Mr. Cabrera didn't go in himself in order to avoid fighting with Ms. Perez.

Inside the home, Mr. Vasquez and Mr. Rivera exchanged heated words and as the argument spilled outside the home, Mr. Cabrera joined in.

Before leaving the scene, Mr. Cabrera told those gathered on the porch that "I'll be back."

After they left, one of the three

told police that Mr. Cabrera suggested retrieving a .40-caliber pistol.

After checking to see that the pistol was loaded, Mr. Cabrera rolled it in a towel and gave it to Mr. Vasquez.

Mr. Cabrera drove his car to within a block of the Thorndike Street house.

Mr. Vasquez got out of the car and ran to the house.

Ten to fifteen seconds later, Mr. Cabrera and the third man heard gunshots.

Mr. Vasquez returned moments later and the three sped off. Mr. Vasquez took off his shirt and fled a short time later, and all three men went separate ways.

Mr. Rios was killed in the hail of bullets while Mr. Rivera sustained a leg wound.

Lawrence and state police detectives found seven .40-caliber bullet casings strewn about the home just after the shooting.

Both defendants have lengthy criminal records, and both have either served time in jail or currently have suspended jail sentences hanging over their heads, Mr. Erkan said.

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2 arraigned in deadly shootings

◆ Danny Rios, 33, died Saturday after being gunned down on Thorndike Street.

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LAWRENCE — Two city men were ordered held without bail yesterday after their arraignment on murder charges stemming from Friday night's deadly shooting on Thorndike Street.

Michael Vasquez, 18, of 402 Lowell St., and Robert "Robbie" Cabrera, 27, of 23 Saratoga St., originally from Methuen, were ordered held at the Middleton jail by Judge

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