



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **SUSPECTS INVOLVED IN MURDER AND ATTEMPTED MURDER AT TACO RESTAURANT ARE ARRESTED**

**Pasadena, CA** – On Saturday, March 13, 2021, at approximately 8:56 PM, Pasadena Police received several calls of a shooting that occurred in the 2500 block of E. Foothill Blvd. Officers arrived on scene and located two victims inside a parked vehicle. A 23-year-old male victim had been struck numerous times by gunfire and would later succumb to his injuries after being transported to a local hospital. The other occupant was a 19-year-old female victim who sustained only minor injuries and would survive.

Pasadena Police Detectives responded to the scene and it was discovered both victims were seated inside of a parked vehicle when the suspect(s) approached the vehicle and began shooting. The suspect(s) ran from the location immediately following the shooting.

Through their exhaustive yet diligent efforts, Detectives established several investigative leads and were able to identify persons of interest who were likely responsible for the murder.

On Friday, April 2, 2021, members of the Pasadena Police Department's Homicide Unit and Criminal Intelligence Violent Crimes Unit, along with the assistance of the Pacific Southwest Regional Task Force team, executed search warrants at various locations in the Southern California area. Additional items of evidentiary value were located and collected during the searches, which connected two individuals to the shooting. Both suspect were subsequently arrested.

On Tuesday, April 6, 2021, Pasadena Homicide Detectives presented the case to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office for review. The following charges were filed against the suspects:

**Evan Roland Bynum - 26 year-old Los Angeles Resident:** Charged with one count of Penal Code 187 (murder) and Penal Code 664/187 (attempted murder). Mr. Bynum's bail amount was set at \$4,090,000.

**Dante Dejuan Ward - 33 year-old Irvine Resident:** Charged with one count of PC 187 (murder) and PC 664/187 (attempted murder). Mr. Ward's bail was set at \$3,140,000.

Pasadena Police is urging anyone with information about this case to call the Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241 or you may report information anonymously by calling "Crime Stoppers" by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477), use your smartphone by downloading the "P3 Tips" Mobile APP on Google play or the Apple App Store or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

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