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Bond Set at \$1 Million in Greeley Gang Murder Case

Greeley, Colo. (Weld County D.A.) – A known gang member in the city of Greeley will face murder charges after a Weld County judge found probable cause to move the case forward.

Marcello Rodriguez, 19, of Greeley, turned himself over to police in July following the shooting death of Paul Ortiz, 26.

At Wednesday’s preliminary hearing, two Greeley police officers testified to the evidence laid out by Deputy District Attorney Michael Pirraglia, and a judge found there was enough evidence to proceed to trial.

The judge set Rodriguez’s bond at \$1 million.

According to court testimony, Ortiz was shot in the early morning hours of July 16. A witness told investigators Ortiz knocked on the front door of a house, located at 909 C Street, when he was shot multiple times. A medical examination showed Ortiz had seven gunshot wounds and four bullets still lodged in his body.

What’s Next:

The defendant is scheduled for an arraignment on November 4 at 11:00 a.m. in Division 16.

He’s currently being held in the Weld County Jail.

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