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Warren Luther Alexander to Stand Trial for Three Cold Case Murders From 1977

VENTURA, Calif. – Suspected serial killer Warren Luther Alexander (DOB 01/12/51), of Diamondhead, Mississippi, has been held to answer for three murders committed in 1977. Ventura County Superior Court Judge Paul Feldman made the decision on Friday, October 18, 2024, after a three-day preliminary hearing. At the hearing, 13 witnesses were called including three DNA analysts and a fingerprint examiner. Five of the witnesses were part of the original investigation in 1977.

Alexander is charged with murdering Kimberly Carol Fritz, Velvet Ann Sanchez, and Lorraine Ann Rodriguez. In all three cases, an autopsy revealed the cause of death was strangulation. DNA evidence was collected from the crime scenes and the victims.

In February 2023, the Ventura County Sheriff's Cold Case Unit began re-examining the unsolved cases. Alexander was extradited to California and arrived on August 6, 2024, from Surry County, North Carolina, where he is awaiting prosecution for a 1992 cold case murder committed in that jurisdiction.

Alexander is scheduled for an information arraignment on November 1, 2024, at 9 a.m. in courtroom 11 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains in Ventura County Jail without bail.

Case: 2024003627

Defendant Information:

Warren Luther Alexander (DOB 01/12/51)
Diamondhead, Mississippi

Charges:

- (3 counts) PC 187(a) – First-degree murder

Special Allegations:

- PC 190.2(c)(5) – Multiple murders