

## Arraignment delayed a third time for former LAPD officer

### Henry Solis

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Henry Solis, 27, appears in court in Los Angeles for arraignment in the killing of Salome Rodriguez, 23, of Ontario. David Crane — Staff photographer

The grieving mother of Salome Rodriguez Jr. lashed out at her son's accused killer, former LAPD Officer [Henry Solis](#), for smiling during a brief court appearance Tuesday, in which Solis' arraignment was delayed for a third time.

"I felt like he feels nothing," said Lidia Rodriguez after the continuance during a press conference with high-profile civil rights attorney [Gloria Allred](#).

Rodriguez appeared with her family, including five siblings of the slain 23-year-old man, all wearing a rosary around their neck with a picture of Salome, whom they called Junior.

"We know with this that he's closer to us," Rodriguez said, sobbing.

Allred, who has played a role in cases against O.J. Simpson, Scott Petersen and Robert Blake, described each delay as causing Rodriguez's loved ones more pain.

"This is very, very hard for the family," Allred said. "Justice delayed is justice denied."

Allred would not say if the family plans to pursue a civil case against [Solis](#), just that they will explore their options in the future.

Judge Sergio Tapia II continued the [arraignment](#) until July 17, after 27-year-old Solis hired two private attorneys to replace his public defender.

The new lawyers — Tustin-based Joe Dane and Miranda McCroskey of Irvine's Wilson Harvey Browndorf — said they needed time to collect more evidence. "We just substituted in," Dane said, following Tuesday's appearance. "The public defender's office obviously only had limited discovery."

Solis, a former officer in the LAPD's Devonshire station and a former Marine, is accused of murder and assault with a firearm for shooting Salome Rodriguez Jr. following a [fistfight](#) in a Pomona bar in March.

The subsequent manhunt discovered that Solis' father, [Victor](#), helped him cross into Mexico from Texas.

Mexican authorities arrested Solis on May 26 in Juarez and returned him to the United States. [His father](#) was arrested and convicted for lying to federal investigators about his son's whereabouts.

The younger Solis is being held on a [\\$10 million bail](#). He could face life in prison if convicted.

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