

A man is accused of a first-degree murder after a man was killed in a drive-by shooting, supposedly connected with drug trafficking.

Anthony Rene Fimbres, 49, is charged with eight counts according to court documents.

Count one, first degree murder, count two, aggravated assault deadly weapon/dangerous instrument, count three, aggravated assault series physical injury, count four, endangerment, count five, discharging a firearm at a non-residential structure, count six, drive-by shooting, count seven, possession of deadly weapon by prohibited possessor and count eight, possession of deadly weapon by prohibited possessor.

According to court documents, officers responded to a call at 8143 East 20th Street on April 6, 2018, regarding a shooting. There were three victims at the scene, Jesus Castro Sr. and his sons Jesus Castro Jr. and Alejandro Castro. Castro Sr. had been hit several times and Alejandro had been shot in the head and neck. Castro Sr. had later died at the hospital from his wounds.

Castro Jr. described the day of the shooting. He said that his father was parked outside their home and was sitting in his Silverado truck on the curb when Castro Jr. saw a gold Toyota 4Runner heading toward their home.

“Seemed odd. It was out of place for the back windows to be rolled down,” Castro Jr. said. “As it came closer to our home, shots started firing out of that vehicle.”

According to Castro Jr., men in their 30s to 40s were in the vehicle, about three or four of them. The shooter had a shaved head and was sitting in the rear passenger side, hanging out of the vehicle.

The shooter had a black weapon in his hand, a high-powered, AR-15 style weapon, according to Castro Jr.

According to Castro Jr., the shots kept firing, kept getting closer to his father. Castro Jr. dropped to the floor to cover himself. He said that the shots stopped, and the vehicle sped off.

“The bullets were hitting the wall...sounded like rocks firing...I could hear glass being broken. Explosion...looked like glitter,” Castro Jr. said.

According to court documents, officers and detectives that responded to the shooting found the vehicle set on fire in a nearby alley, in which they also found spent .223 cartridge cases on the ground. The detectives and officers found at least 14 .223 rifle rounds and one .45 caliber casing in the street where the suspects had been shooting at the victims.

“I walked over to my father’s vehicle...he was absolutely covered in blood,” Castro Jr. said. “His right arm had been shot so many times, it was almost severed. He was groaning, I knew I had to get him out of there. I was afraid of the vehicle returning. I pulled his left arm over my head...laid him down on the floor.”

Castro Jr. made a 911 call and police officers and first responders showed up at his home. Castro Jr. was trying to help his father and brother with their wounds while officers showed up to the scene.

“[My brother] he was telling me he was really tired, and he wanted to go to sleep,” Castro Jr. said. “My brother and father were conversing about dying.”

Once officers and first responders arrived on the scene, Castro Sr. was trying to tell one of the officers that the shooter was Fimbres, according to Castro Jr.

“When you were asked if this had to do with drugs, you said no?” State attorney John Edgett said.

Castro Jr. admitted to knowing of his father’s participation in the drug trade but when asked about it from officers and detectives who came to the scene, he didn’t disclose it.

“What was the relationship between your father and Fimbres?” Deputy County attorney John Edgett said.

According to Castro Jr., Castro Sr. had owned a detailing business in which Fimbres frequented.

Fimbres, admitted to the court that he knew Castro Sr. and that they had done several drug deals between each other in the past, according to court documents.

“What did you know about your father [with drugs]?” Edgett said.

Castro Jr. knew that his father was in the marijuana trade and that his father had been in that trade for quite some time.

According to court documents, Fimbres argues that Castro Sr. had “unclean hands,” and was “living in a fast and dangerous world,” insinuating he had his murder coming to him. Also, according to court documents, Fimbres nonsensical arguments demonstrate is an attitude that he believes this murder is justified.

The 10-day trial is set to continue.