

Ex-S.B. detective pleads innocent in Vegas shooting

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LAS VEGAS — A former San Bernardino police detective pleaded innocent Thursday to nine felony charges stemming from an attempted robbery and shooting at Caesars Palace.

Donald James Meyer entered the pleas before District Judge Joseph Pavlikowski, who set an April 14 trial date on robbery, attempted robbery, second-degree kidnapping, assault and burglary charges.

Meyer was stationed as a state gaming agent at Caesars Palace the day of the incident.

He was arrested in the parking lot of the resort after allegedly robbing five people in a hotel room Jan. 5, then shooting at security guards as he tried to flee.

The 50-year-old Meyer remains in the Clark County Detention Center in lieu of \$75,000 bail.

Meyer resigned from the San Bernardino Police Department in 1982 amid allegations he concocted a case against a man he arrested. That man, Roy Summers, was accused of murdering his ex-wife in San Bernardino and kidnapping her two children.

Summers spent about three years in jail before being acquitted in 1982.

In September 1983, Summers named Meyer and others in an \$18 million lawsuit alleging that authorities maliciously tried to convict him of his former wife's murder.

Meyer and his wife, Norma, filed for bankruptcy two years ago, several months after Summers filed suit.

The suit is scheduled for trial next month.



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