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District Attorney Paul Gallegos announced today the filing of a felony criminal complaint jointly charging James Robert Stanko and John Louis Way with murder, robbery and five counts of attempted robbery. Both men face a maximum sentence of life without possibility of parole. Because it is alleged that the murder was committed in the course of an attempted robbery, it is possible that the death penalty could be sought. D.A. Gallegos indicated that a decision on seeking the death penalty will be announced at a later date. Arraignment for both defendants will be set on February 11, 2009 in Humboldt Superior Court. A third man who was taken into custody in the investigation and later released on bail, Daniel Joseph Dower, was not charged. Eureka Police Department continues with its investigation. The stabbing death of Andrew Pease seems to have taken place during the last of series of attempted robberies scattered across the city.

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