

# Renfro murder case advances to district court

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Jonathan Daniel Renfro will proceed to 1st District Court on a charge of first-degree murder in the May shooting death of Coeur d'Alene Police Sgt. Greg Moore.

First District Senior Magistrate Barry Watson decided this morning that Kootenai County prosecutors had presented sufficient evidence in a probable cause hearing to keep Renfro in custody and advance the case to district court on six felony charges, which also include grand theft, robbery, concealing evidence, removing a gun from a police officer and eluding police.

Renfro, 27, remains in jail on a \$2 million bond. He could receive the death penalty if convicted on the murder charge. He has not entered a plea to any of the charges.

Renfro is accused of shooting Moore in the face early in the morning of May 5 in a northwest Coeur d'Alene residential neighborhood after the officer stopped to question Renfro and run his identification through police dispatch. Renfro, who was on felony parole at the time, allegedly was carrying a stolen Glock pistol in his jacket pocket and feared Moore would find the gun and arrest him, according to court testimony.

Watson said he viewed Moore's body camera footage that showed the shooting and the minutes that preceded and followed it, and that he also watched a 2-hour interview of Renfro conducted by detectives after the defendant was found and arrested that morning in Post Falls. In the police interview, Renfro waived his Miranda rights, did not ask for an attorney and repeatedly admitted that he shot Moore, according to testimony in the two-day preliminary hearing held last week.

The judge said prosecutors had presented evidence that Renfro shot Moore as Moore was lawfully discharging his duties as a peace officer, and that Renfro knew he was dealing with a police officer.

Watson further said he was satisfied with the evidence that Renfro was in possession of a stolen Glock pistol when Moore stopped to talk with him; that Renfro did remove Moore's Glock handgun as the officer lay wounded on the ground; that Renfro robbed Moore by taking the gun by force; that Renfro concealed the stolen Glock he had in his pocket during the police stop, by later tossing the gun into a field on the west end of Post Falls as he was fleeing police; and that Renfro did elude police by driving Moore's police car at a high rate of speed while being chased by a Post Falls police officer.