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## Dallas police use LeadsOnline to connect man to three slayings

A man described by investigators as a "cold-hearted" robber, who allegedly put a gun to a baby's head while threatening her parents, has been accused in three Dallas murders, police said Thursday.

Roderick Harris, 24, was being held Thursday in a Dallas County jail with bonds totaling \$1.6 million, according to records. He has been in custody since a March 17 shootout with police outside a mobile home in the Pleasant Grove area of southeast Dallas. Two brothers, both adults, were found shot to death inside the home.



Since then, however, homicide investigators connected Harris to an earlier murder, said Senior Cpl. Kevin Janse, police spokesman. Investigators believe Harris, on March 3, joined two accomplices who together followed a woman into her apartment at a complex in the 300 block of North Ewing Avenue. That's in the Oak Cliff area of southwest Dallas.

Once inside, Janse said, Harris put a gun up to the head of an 11-month-old girl and demanded property and valuables from her parents, including an Xbox video game system.

At the time, Sgt. Eugene Reyes, homicide detective, called the treatment of the baby "pretty cold-hearted."

Harris then charged upstairs to another apartment and tried to rob three brothers, Janse said. One man, Roberto Ramos, 32, reportedly tried to tackle Harris, but he was shot multiple times and he died at the scene, police said. His brothers were also shot, but they survived, according to police.

On March 17, police on patrol in Pleasant Grove responded to a burglary call at 733 Cliff View Drive. They reported hearing gunfire and were suddenly confronted by Harris who was exiting the home. Shots were exchanged and Harris was wounded and taken into custody. Inside the home, officers found the bodies of Alfredo Gallardo, 45, and his brother Carlos Gallardo, 36, Janse said.

Homicide detectives subsequently connected Harris to both crimes, Janse said. "They entered the stolen Xbox, taken in the first offense, into **LeadsOnline**, only to find that suspect Harris had pawned the game system just a few days earlier," Janse said. Detectives secured video surveillance images of Harris in the pawn shop, Janse said. They also received "video of him driving up in the same suspect vehicle found at the second offense location when he was arrested," Janse said.

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Harris now faces charges for capital murder and aggravated assault on a public servant, Janse said. His accomplices in the March 3 incident have not yet been charged, but the investigation was continuing on Thursday, Janse said.

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