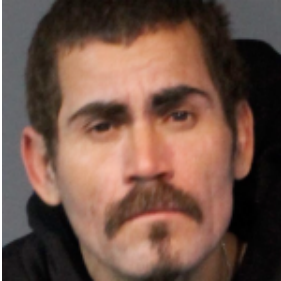


Tahoe murder suspect faces immigration trial



Jose Rodriguez-Quezada

A Stateline murder case is taking a back seat to the defendant's immigration case that will be heard in federal court.

Jose Rodriguez-Quezada, 44, is accused of fatally stabbing Kevin Edwards, 56, of Reno in October in a hotel room at the Hard Rock.

A jury on Sept. 25 is scheduled to begin hearing the deportation case of Rodriguez-Quezada, who is considered a transient.

October is likely to be the earliest he would be arraigned on the local charges.

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