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Oxnard Man Pleads Guilty in 2017 Stabbing

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Omar Alan Tapia (DOB 11/17/92), of Oxnard, pled guilty to the voluntary manslaughter of Jesus Pizano, also from Oxnard. Tapia also admitted personally using a knife in the attack.

On December 5, 2017, Tapia and Mr. Pizano got into an argument at an apartment complex in Oxnard shortly before midnight. The argument ended with Tapia stabbing Mr. Pizano multiple times with a knife. Mr. Pizano was taken to the Ventura County Medical Center, where he died several days later.

Tapia will be sentenced on January 8, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in courtroom 14 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Tapia is expected to be sentenced to 18 years in state prison. He is being held without bail in the Ventura County Jail.

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