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**Salinas Man Charged with Murder**

*Ventura, California* – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Josefino Maldonado (DOB 12/13/79), of Salinas, has been charged with the murder of his estranged wife, Eudelia Gonzalez, of Oxnard.

On July 11, 2021, Maldonado killed Ms. Gonzalez in Ventura County. Investigators found Ms. Gonzalez's body on July 17, 2021, north of Santa Barbara, down a steep embankment next to U.S. Route 101 freeway.

Maldonado appeared in court on July 20, 2021, and continued his arraignment to August 10, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 13 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Maldonado is being held in custody in the Ventura County Jail with no bail.

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