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**Oxnard Minor Charged with Murder**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that an Oxnard juvenile was charged with the death of 16-year-old Alexander Belleza. The minor is charged with murder and with the crime of shooting at an occupied vehicle. The minor is also charged with the special allegation of using a firearm in the commission of the crimes and with the special circumstance that the murder was committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang.

On April 29, 2021, Alexander Belleza was a passenger in a vehicle travelling on Cuesta Del Mar Drive in Oxnard. During a verbal confrontation between Belleza and the then 15-year-old minor, the minor shot Belleza in the head as he sat in the vehicle. Belleza passed away three days later at Los Robles Hospital.

The minor is currently in custody at the Ventura County Juvenile Detention Facility. He is scheduled to be arraigned on October 18, 2021, at 8:15 a.m. in department J4 of the Juvenile Justice Center. Because he was 15 years old at the time of the crime, the minor is not eligible for transfer to adult court.

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