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Shooting by Ventura Police Officer Justified

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that the review by the District Attorney’s Office of the circumstances surrounding the November 5, 2020, shooting of Javier Magaña by Ventura Police Department Officer Joaquin Ortega has been completed.

The full report, authored by Senior Deputy District Attorney Tate McCallister, is available on the Ventura County District Attorney’s website <https://www.vcdistrictattorney.com/2021/12/ois-report-december-9-2021/> and explains the District Attorney’s conclusions that Officer Ortega acted reasonably, and his use of deadly force in self-defense was justified.

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