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## Ventura Man Charged with Murdering His Father

*VENTURA*, *California* – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Jason Tyler Fernandes (DOB 02/11/99), of Ventura, was charged with the murder of his father, Michael Fernandes. The complaint alleges one count of murder with the special allegation of personal use of a deadly or dangerous weapon.

On March 9, 2022, Ventura County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to an apartment in the 4000 block of Park Lane in Moorpark. Deputies found the victim unresponsive and suffering from several injuries. The victim was transported to Los Robles Hospital and succumbed to his injuries later that day. Jason Fernandes was found nearby and taken into custody.

Fernandes was arraigned today and pled not guilty to the charge and allegation. The case is set for an early disposition conference on March 22, 2022, in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Fernandes is currently in custody with bail set at \$1 million.

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