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Family of Six Victimized in Hate Crime Case

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that hate crime charges were filed against Eden Haven-Martinez (DOB 12/18/88), of Santa Maria, related to an incident on December 12, 2021, in Ventura.

On December 12, 2021, Haven-Martinez followed a Hispanic couple and their four children as they were leaving a department store in Ventura. Haven-Martinez yelled multiple racial slurs at the family and threw water on them. Ventura Police officers located Haven-Martinez nearby and arrested her.

Haven-Martinez was released on her own recognizance and scheduled to be arraigned on misdemeanor charges of battery, child endangerment, and hate crimes on March 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 37 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Haven-Martinez failed to appear at the arraignment resulting in Judge Rocky Baio issuing a bench warrant in the amount of \$5,000.

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