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Ventura Man Charged with Murder

VENTURA, California - District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Julius Luna (DOB 10/09/03), of Ventura, was charged with the murder of Gabriel Cueva, of Piru. It is further alleged that Luna personally used a firearm in the commission of the murder causing great bodily injury or death, and that the murder was committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang.

On May 29, 2022, at approximately 5:33 p.m., Ventura County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the call of a gunshot victim in the area of Azahar Street in Saticoy. Deputies located the victim who was receiving CPR from bystanders. The victim was transported to the Ventura County Medical Center where he was later pronounced dead.

Luna was arraigned on the filed complaint on June 2, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 13 of the Ventura County Superior Court. The arraignment was continued until June 30, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. and a bail proceeding was set for June 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 13. If convicted, Luna faces a maximum penalty of 50 years to life in prison. Luna is in custody with bail set at \$1.5 million.

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