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**District Attorney Evaluating Evidence in 1981 Murders;  
Charging Decision to be Announced Thursday**

VENTURA, Calif. - The Ventura County District Attorney's Office is reviewing a case involving the 1981 murders of Rachel Zendejas and Lisa Gondek.

Cold case homicide investigators arrested Tony Garcia (DOB 05/07/54), of Oxnard, on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, after a joint investigation of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation, and the Oxnard Police Department.

Prosecutors in the District Attorney's Office are evaluating evidence and anticipate a charging decision by Thursday, February 9.

A news conference will be held on **Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.** inside the District Attorney's Office located at the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Justice Building, Suite 314. Credentialed media may gather outside the office to be escorted to the media room.

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