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Oxnard Man Sentenced for 2020 House Party Murder

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Librado Ruiz Rojo (DOB 01/23/01), of Oxnard, was sentenced to 16 years to life in prison for the murder of Carlos Murillo. Rojo previously pled guilty on May 4, 2023, to one felony count of second-degree murder and admitted to the special allegation that he killed Mr. Murillo with a knife.

On January 26, 2020, Oxnard police officers were dispatched to a residence in Oxnard regarding a stabbing victim at a house party. Emergency medical personnel also responded, but the victim died at the scene.

Investigators later learned that Rojo and Mr. Murillo attended the same party. As Mr. Murillo's group was leaving, Rojo challenged them to a fight. A fight ensued between the two men and Rojo stabbed Mr. Murillo multiple times. An autopsy showed the victim was stabbed 10 times.

Senior Deputy District Attorney John Barrick, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Homicide Unit, prosecuted the case.

"The murder of Carlos Murillo was a tragedy no family should have to endure, yet endure it they did with grace, courage, and determination to ensure that the person who brought so much unnecessary agony upon them would be held responsible," Barrick said. "Although the pain of Carlos' murder will never go away, I hope today's sentencing will provide Carlos' family and friends an opportunity to heal."

Case: 2020003849

Defendant Information:

Librado Ruiz Rojo (DOB 01/23/01)
Oxnard

Charges Pled to:

- 187(a) - Second-degree murder

Special Allegation

- 12022(b)(1) - Use of a deadly weapon (knife)

