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Sheriff's Deputy Charged with Filing a False Report and Concealing Evidence of Innocence

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Richard Barrios, III (DOB 10/27/92), of Camarillo, was charged with one felony count of a peace officer concealing physical evidence of a person's innocence, a violation of Penal Code section 141(b); and a second felony count of filing a false police report, a violation of Penal Code section 118.1. It is alleged that while on duty as a deputy sheriff, Barrios committed the two felonies in the course of an arrest and investigation he conducted November 12, 2019, in Camarillo.

The matter was discovered by Ventura County Sheriff's Office personnel before an innocent person was incarcerated. The case was investigated by the Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Bureau. Barrios was arrested on an arrest warrant issued by the Ventura County Superior Court.

Barrios is scheduled to be arraigned June 10, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the Ventura County Superior Court. The courtroom has not yet been determined. Barrios was released from custody with bail set at \$0 (zero), pursuant to the Emergency Bail Schedule issued by the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court on April 6, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 health crisis. If convicted, Barrios faces a maximum sentence of 5 years 8 months in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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