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Oxnard Gang Member Charged with Murder

VENTURA, Calif. - District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced that Michael Ortega (DOB 03/05/2000), of Oxnard, has been charged with the murder of Paul Carrillo. Ortega, a known gang member, is accused of killing Carrillo with a sawed-off shotgun on December 5, 2022.

Three other victims had run-ins with Ortega in the days prior to the murder. On December 3, 2022, Ortega is accused of assaulting two men in the parking lot of the Camelot Room in Oxnard. The victims are believed to be members of a rival gang. Ortega allegedly fired one round at the men with a sawed-off shotgun. Neither victim was struck by the shot.

On December 5, 2022, moments before the murder of Carrillo, Ortega is accused of challenging another victim with his concealed sawed-off shotgun. No shots were fired during that altercation. Minutes later, Ortega is charged with shooting and killing Paul Carrillo.

Five days after the murder, Ortega was arrested by the Oxnard Police Department. Ortega is accused of being in possession of a sawed-off, loaded shotgun concealed in his pants and methamphetamine in his socks when located.

Ortega's arraignment was continued to April 7, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 13 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains in custody with no bail.

Case: 2023005669

Defendant Information:

Michael Ortega (DOB 03/05/2000)
Oxnard

Charged with:

- PC 187(a) - Murder
- (3 counts) PC 245(a)(2) - Assault with a firearm
- (2 counts) 29800(a)(1) - Felon in possession of a firearm
- (2 counts) PC 33215 - Possession of a sawed-off shotgun

- HS 11370.1(a) - Possession of a controlled substance while armed
- PC 25850(a) - Carrying a loaded firearm in any public place or street

Special Allegations

- 12022.53(d) - Personal and intentional discharging of a firearm
- 186.22(b)(1) - Street Terrorism
- 667S2 - Strike 2
- 667(a)(1) - Serious felony prior