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Oxnard Man Pleads Guilty for 2017 Shooting

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Jacob Jamal Steir (DOB 06/19/97), of Oxnard, entered a plea of guilty on August 10, 2023, to voluntary manslaughter and attempted murder for the 2017 shooting that killed Alexis Jean Lopez and injured one other. Steir also admitted to three special allegations involving prior crimes, including a strike offense.

On October 8, 2017, while in their vehicle, Ms. Lopez and a passenger were shot at an intersection in the Nyeland Acres area of unincorporated Oxnard. Ms. Lopez died at the scene. Her passenger was wounded but survived. Approximately one month after the shooting, officers with the Port Hueneme Police Department arrested Steir for possession of a firearm by a prohibited person. Forensic testing ultimately confirmed Steir's gun was the same one used in the shooting that killed of Ms. Lopez.

Oxnard Police Department detectives later learned that on the night of the murder, an associate of Steir's was seeking revenge for an unrelated shooting that had occurred earlier that day. Mistakenly believing Ms. Lopez's passenger was a subject involved in the earlier unrelated shooting, the associate asked for Steir's gun. After Steir gave his gun to the associate, the associate opened fire on the unsuspecting vehicle, killing Ms. Lopez and seriously wounding the passenger.

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

"I am very appreciative to the Oxnard Police Department and Detective Ken Tougas for their efforts in resolving this case," Barrick said. "In the beginning, they had very little evidence on which to proceed. It was only through their patience and determination that an arrest could finally be made. We are hopeful that the subject who pulled the trigger will be brought to justice soon."

Sentencing for Steir is scheduled on September 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains in custody with bail set at \$1.01 million.

Case: 2022024549

Defendant Information:

Jacob Jamal Steir (DOB 06/19/97)

Oxnard

Pled Guilty to:

- PC 192(a) – Voluntary manslaughter
- PC 664/187(a) – Attempt murder

Special Allegations Admitted

- PC 667S2 – Prior - Strike 2
- PC 1170(h)(3) – Prior serious or violent felony
- PC 667(a)(1) – Serious felony prior

