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## Oxnard Gang Member Sentenced for Murder and Robberies

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Osvaldo Hernandez (DOB 05/22/99), of Oxnard, was sentenced to 32 years 8 months to life in prison for the murder of Robert De La Cerda and for committing robberies. He previously pled guilty November 16, 2023, to one count of second-degree murder, one count of attempted robbery, three counts of robbery, and one count of unlawful possession of a firearm. Hernandez also admitted special allegations, including that he personally used a firearm in the murder of Mr. De La Cerda.

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

“The defendant’s sentence holds him accountable for the horrible crimes that he committed on June 27, 2018,” Ms. Pollara said. “Hopefully, this outcome brings some measure of peace and closure to the multiple robbery victims and the surviving family of Robert De La Cerda.”

In Oxnard, on June 27, 2018, between approximately 3:45 a.m. and 6:09 a.m., Hernandez committed three separate robberies, and murder during a fourth robbery attempt. When he committed these crimes, he was out on bail for possession of a concealed 9mm handgun, which he was arrested for on June 15, 2018.

The first robbery occurred in a parking lot on Saviers Road at 3:45 a.m. Hernandez approached the victim, simulated a weapon in his waistband, and demanded money. The second robbery took place at 4:18 a.m. near the intersection of Wooley Road and L Street. Hernandez ran up behind the victim, pulled him to the ground and pointed a knife at him, then ran off with a backpack containing a laptop. The third robbery was at 5:48 a.m. on Samuel Avenue, where the victim was riding his skateboard to work. Hernandez and two others pulled up in a car pretending to ask for

directions. Hernandez exited the car, pointed a handgun at the victim, and stole a backpack and the skateboard.

Following the three robberies, Hernandez attempted a fourth robbery. Just after 6:00 a.m., Hernandez approached Mr. De La Cerda and another man who were in a car on South J Street. Hernandez pointed a gun at the men and demanded their property. Mr. De La Cerda exited his car and had a verbal exchange with Hernandez. Hernandez fired one shot, killing Mr. De La Cerda, before returning to his car and driving away. Hernandez was arrested on July 18, 2018, after a comprehensive investigation by the Oxnard Police Department.

**Case: 2018020667**

**Defendant Information:**

Oswaldo Hernandez (DOB 05/22/99)  
Oxnard

**Charges Pled Guilty to:**

- PC 187(a) – Second-degree murder
- PC 664/211 – Attempted second-degree robbery
- (3 counts) PC 211 – Second-degree robbery
- PC 29820 (b) – Unlawful possession of a firearm

**Special Allegations:**

- PC 12022.53(d) – Personal and intentional discharge of a firearm
- PC 12022.1(b) – Commission of a felony after release from custody
- PC 12022(b)(1) – Defendant has engaged in violent conduct that indicates a serious danger to society
- CRC 4.421(a)(2) – Defendant was armed with or used a weapon at the time of the commission of the crime
- CRC 4.421(a)(4) – Defendant induced others to participate in the commission of the crime or occupied a position of leadership or dominance of other participants in its commission

