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Newbury Park Man Charged with Murder, Corporal Injury to Child

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Zuberi Kalaikulokahiokalani Sharp (DOB 03/26/2000), has been charged with murder and corporal injury to a child. Sharp also faces several special allegations and aggravating factors, including use of a deadly weapon and that the victim was vulnerable.

Sharp made his first court appearance today. No plea was entered, and criminal proceedings were suspended pending a competency hearing. He is scheduled to return to court for a competency hearing on January 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 13 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

On December 5th, 2024, Sharp is accused of striking the minor victim with a pickaxe. Deputies from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene in Newbury Park and discovered the male juvenile victim with severe injuries. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. Deputies found and arrested Sharp a short distance away.

Senior Deputy District Attorney David Russell, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Major Crimes Homicides Unit, is prosecuting the case.

Sharp remains in custody without the possibility of bail.

Case: 2024032228

Defendant Information:

Zuberi Kalaikulokahiokalani Sharp (DOB 03/26/2000)
Newbury Park

Charges:

- PC 187(a) – Murder
- PC 273d(a) – Corporal injury to child

Special Allegations:

- PC 12022(b)(1) – Use of deadly weapon
- PC 1203.075 – Crimes committed with great bodily injury
- PC 12022.7(a) – GBI in commission of felony
- CRC 4.421(a)(2) – The defendant was armed with and used a weapon
- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – Victim was vulnerable
- CRC 4.421(b)(1) – Defendant has engaged in violent conduct