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## Thousand Oaks Man Charged with Murder for Killing at Hotel

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Uriel Gamboa (DOB 09/28/93), of Thousand Oaks, has been charged with the murder of Aliya Pitts. Gamboa also faces special allegations for use of a deadly weapon, the crime being committed with great bodily injury, and the crime involving great violence. He made his first court appearance on January 14, 2025. The arraignment was continued.

Gamboa is accused of killing Ms. Pitts inside of a hotel room in Thousand Oaks. Ventura County Sheriff's deputies responded to the hotel on January 6, 2025, and discovered her body in the room. Gamboa sustained self-inflicted injuries and was transported to a local hospital where he remained until January 10, 2025. Once discharged from the hospital, Gamboa was arrested for murder.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Amber Lee, a member of the Ventura County Major Crimes Unit, is prosecuting the case.

Gamboa's continued arraignment is scheduled for February 10, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 13 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains in custody without bail.

**Case: 2025000787**

**Defendant Information:**

Uriel Gamboa (DOB 09/28/93)  
Thousand Oaks

**Charges:**

- PC 187(a) - Murder

**Special Allegations:**

- PC 12022(b)(1) – Use of a deadly weapon
- PC 1203.075 – Crime committed with great bodily injury
- CRC 4.421(a)(1) – The crime involved great violence