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Port Hueneme Man Convicted of Attempted Murder with Firearm Enhancement

VENTURA, Calif. – On July 31, 2025, a Ventura County jury found Gabriel Torres (DOB 04/02/04), of Port Hueneme, guilty of attempted murder. The jury also found true the special allegation that Torres personally and intentionally discharged a firearm during the crime, as well as allegations that he inflicted great bodily injury, committed the offense with great violence, was armed with a weapon at the time of the offense, and engaged in violent conduct indicating a serious danger to society.

On December 23, 2022, Torres drove to the victim's home in Oxnard, walked into a nearby alley, and fired six rounds from a handgun at the victim at close range, striking him three times before fleeing the scene in his vehicle. Surveillance footage captured a partial license plate and a male figure matching Torres' description. After additional investigation, on December 31, 2022, Oxnard police officers located a vehicle matching the one in the video and initiated a pursuit, during which Torres threw a 9mm pistol out of the window. The firearm was recovered and later confirmed through forensic analysis to be the weapon used in the shooting.

The victim was hospitalized for two weeks while recovering from his injuries. Further investigation, including analysis of Torres' cell phone location data, corroborated his whereabouts on the day of the shooting.

"This was an execution-style attack carried out in broad daylight with complete disregard for human life and public safety," Supervising Senior Deputy District Attorney Blake Heller said. "Thanks to the swift efforts of the Oxnard Police Department, we were able to link the evidence that pointed to the defendant as the shooter. This verdict sends a clear message that gun violence will not be tolerated in our community."

Torres is scheduled to be sentenced on October 8, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 45 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains in custody without bail and faces up to 34 years to life in state prison.

Case: 2023005904

Defendant Information:

Gabriel Torres (DOB 04/02/04)

Port Hueneme

Charges convicted of:

- PC 664/187(a) – Attempted murder

Special allegations found true:

- PC 12022.53(d) – Personal and intentional discharge of a firearm causing great bodily injury
- PC 12022.7(a) – Great bodily injury in commission of felony
- CRC 4.421(a)(1) – The crime involved great violence
- CRC 4.421(a)(2) – The defendant was armed with and used a weapon
- CRC 4.421(b)(1) – The defendant has engaged in violent conduct that indicates a serious danger to society

