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Port Hueneme Man Sentenced for Attempted Murder with Firearm Enhancement

VENTURA, Calif. –District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Gabriel Torres (DOB 04/02/04), of Port Hueneme, was sentenced to 32 years in state prison for attempted murder. He was previously convicted by a jury on July 31, 2025. The jury also found true the special allegation that he 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.

“The defendant’s violent conduct with the use of a gun is deserving of a lengthy prison sentence,” said Chief Assistant District Attorney Lisa Lyytikainen. “The comprehensive investigation by our law enforcement partners, along with our aggressive prosecution, reflect our commitment to hold violent offenders accountable in Ventura County.”

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.

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

