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## Newbury Park Man Sentenced to 15 Years to Life for Murder of Vulnerable Teen

VENTURA Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Zuberi Kalaikulokahiokalani Sharp (DOB 03/26/00), of Newbury Park, was sentenced to 15 years to life in state prison for the second-degree murder of his 15-year-old half-brother, Zayde.

Sharp previously pled guilty on March 30, 2026, to second-degree murder. He also admitted the special allegation that he personally inflicted great bodily injury, along with aggravating factors that he used a weapon in the commission of the crime and that the victim was particularly vulnerable.

Senior Deputy District Attorney David Russell, a member of the Major Crimes Homicide Unit, prosecuted the case.

“This sentence reflects the seriousness of a violent and senseless act against a vulnerable victim,” Mr. Russell said. “While nothing can undo this loss, it ensures the defendant is held accountable and that the victim’s family has been spared the trauma of a trial.”

On December 5, 2024, at approximately 8:00 p.m., the victim’s mother called 9-1-1 to report that her son, Sharp, had attacked his half-brother inside a converted backyard shed where the two had been alone together. When Ventura County Sheriff’s Office deputies arrived, they found the mother holding Zayde in her lap. Sharp had fled prior to their arrival.

Zayde’s uncle reported hearing a loud “thud” as he approached the shed to check on the boys. Upon entering, he saw Sharp standing over Zayde holding a pickaxe. Zayde, who suffered from cerebral palsy, was transported to the hospital and pronounced dead shortly after arrival.

Following the attack, deputies received reports of a man acting erratically on the football field at Newbury Park High School. Sharp was located on the field, where he had removed his clothing, and was taken into custody.

**Case: 2024032228**

**Defendant Information:**

Zuberi Kalaikulokahiokalani Sharp (DOB 03/26/00)

Newbury Park

**Charges pled guilty to:**

- PC 187(a) - Murder

**Special allegations admitted:**

- PC 1203.075 – Crimes committed with great bodily injury
- CRC 4.421(a)(2) – The defendant was armed with and used a weapon
- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – The victim was vulnerable

