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Ventura Man Charged with Attempted Murder for Domestic Violence Attack

VENTURA Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Ignacio Rafael Anzaldo III (DOB 09/30/92), of Ventura, has been charged with multiple felonies related to a domestic violence incident. Anzaldo is charged with attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, kidnapping, assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury, corporal injury to a spouse, and two counts of criminal threats. He also faces two misdemeanor charges for destroying evidence and a special allegation of using a deadly weapon.

On July 25, 2026, Anzaldo and the victim left a downtown Ventura bar together. While in the car, he allegedly began physically assaulting her while threatening to kill her. He is accused of driving the victim to a remote area on Wheeler Canyon Road in Santa Paula, where he allegedly told her he was going to kill her, pulled out a knife, and cut her during the attack. The assault was interrupted when a nearby resident heard the commotion, allowing the victim to escape.

The victim arrived at Ventura Police Department (VPD) headquarters and was taken to the Ventura County Medical Center. VPD officers located Anzaldo and took him into custody without incident.

Deputy District Attorney Nadia Aboujawdah, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Unit, is prosecuting the case.

Anzaldo made his first court appearance on July 28, 2026, where his arraignment was continued to August 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 37 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains in custody with bail set at \$1 million.

Case: 2026019587

Defendant Information:

Ignacio Rafael Anzaldo III (DOB 09/30/92)

Ventura

Charges:

- PC 664/187(a) – Attempted willful, deliberate, premeditated murder
- PC 245(a)(1) – Assault with deadly weapon
- PC 207(a) – Kidnapping
- PC 245(a)(4) – Assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury
- PC 273.5(a) – Corporal injury to spouse/cohabitant/child's parent
- (2 counts) PC 422(a) – Criminal threats
- (2 counts) PC 135 – Destroying/concealing evidence

Special allegations:

- PC 12022(b)(1) – Use of deadly weapon