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Ojai Defendant Held to Answer for Two Counts of Murder Following Four-Day Preliminary Hearing

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Christian Alexandre Hillairet (DOB 09/02/99), of Ojai, has been held to answer on all charges and special allegations following a four-day preliminary hearing in Ventura County Superior Court. Hillairet is charged with two counts of murder for the May 2025 killing of Carolyn Nino De Rivera and the November 2023 death of William Thompson, a City of Ventura resident. He also faces special allegations including the commission of more than one murder, use of a deadly weapon, and prior serious or violent felony convictions.

On May 31, 2025, Ventura County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a residence in upper Ojai following reports of a possible homicide. Deputies discovered a deceased woman inside the home and determined she was the victim of a homicide. The investigation led detectives to identify Hillairet as a suspect. He was arrested in Rosarito, Baja California, on June 2, 2025, with assistance from federal agencies.

During the investigation, detectives with the Sheriff's Office and Ventura Police Department also developed information linking Hillairet to the alleged murder of William Thompson, who was found dead in Ventura on November 3, 2023. Thompson was allegedly bludgeoned to death with a weapon.

Senior Deputy District Attorney's Theresa Pollara and Alexa White are prosecuting the case.

Hillairet is scheduled for arraignment on the information on December 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains in custody without the possibility of bail.

Case: 2025013878
Defendant Information:
Christian Alexandre Hillairet (DOB 09/02/99)
Ojai

Charges:

- (2 counts) PC 187(a) – Murder

Special Allegations:

- PC 190.2(a)(3) – Commission of more than one murder
- PC 12022(b)(2) – Use of deadly weapon
- PC 667S2 – Prior strike 2
- PC 1170(h)(3) – Prior serious or violent felony, prison eligibility
- PC 667(a)(1) – Serious felony prior

