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**Oxnard Man Charged with Murder**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Jason Armenta (DOB 03/06/01), of Oxnard, has been charged with the murder of Cristobal Gonzalez, of Oxnard. The complaint charges one count of murder and one count of attempted murder. Both charges include the special allegations that Armenta personally used a firearm in the commission of the crimes, and that the crimes were committed for the benefit of, or in association with, a criminal street gang.

On April 4, 2021, Mr. Gonzalez was fatally shot on Howell Road, in Oxnard in the early evening hours and died that night. A second victim was shot at, but not injured. Oxnard Police Department investigated the incident.

Armenta appeared in Ventura County Superior Court today for arraignment and pled not guilty to the charges. The case was continued to May 17, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court for an early disposition conference. Armenta is currently in custody with bail set at \$1,700,000.

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