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## Ventura Woman Pleads Guilty to First-Degree Murder

VENTURA, Calif. - District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced that Sandra Dillard (DOB 03/26/82), of Ventura, pled guilty to the willful, deliberate, and premeditated murder of Kelsey Dillon (DOB 09/25/90).

On September 24, 2021, Ms. Dillon's body was found near the U.S. Highway 101 and State Route 33 interchange in Ventura. She had suffered multiple stab wounds and blunt force trauma to the head. Ms. Dillon was killed two days prior to her body being discovered.

Prior to her arrest for the murder of Ms. Dillon, Dillard was arrested on July 19, 2022, while in possession of a shotgun that she had stolen from her roommate. Dillard was charged with grand theft of a firearm for that crime.

Two days later, Dillard attacked a female deputy at the Todd Road Jail in Santa Paula and was charged with battery on a peace officer.

While in custody on the other matters, an investigation into the murder of Ms. Dillon led California Highway Patrol Officers to Dillard. She was arrested for the killing on September 27, 2022.

On February 28, 2023, Dillard pled guilty in all three of her open cases: first-degree murder of Ms. Dillon with the special allegation of having a serious felony prior, grand theft of a firearm, and battery on a peace officer.

"I am grateful that justice has been done for Kelsey Dillon and her family," said Deputy District Attorney Ben Moreno, who prosecuted the cases against Dillard. "While nothing can undo the damage done by the defendant's heinous actions, I am hopeful that this quick resolution will aid Kelsey's family in their healing process."

Dillard is scheduled to be sentenced on March 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 23 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

**Case: 2022024735**

**Defendant Information:**

Sandra June Dillard (DOB 03/26/82)  
Ventura

**Pled Guilty To:**

- PC 187(a) - First-degree murder
  - Special Allegation - PC 667(a)(1) - Serious Felony Prior
- PC 487 (d)(2) - Grand theft of a firearm
- PC 243(c)(2) - Battery on a peace officer

