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**Twelve Charges, Including Murder, Filed Against Austin Eis for  
Ventura County Crime Spree**

VENTURA, Calif. - On April 20, 2023, the Ventura County District Attorney's Office announced that Austin Allen Eis (DOB 05/29/98), of Camarillo, has been charged with the murder of 15-year-old Wesley W. of Thousand Oaks. Eis has also been charged with four counts of assault with a deadly weapon, use of pepper spray, second-degree commercial burglary, first-degree residential burglary, false imprisonment by violence and three misdemeanor counts of brandishing a knife. He is also facing several special allegations, including three counts of causing great bodily injury.

On April 18, 2023, Eis is accused of committing a crime spree throughout Ventura County. Eis is alleged to have entered a Simi Valley Walmart, where he used pepper spray and stabbed one employee, physically assaulted and attempted to drag a second employee and lunged at two additional employees with a knife. After leaving Walmart, Eis is alleged to have fled to a residence in Camarillo and forced his way inside of the home. Eis left Camarillo and is alleged to have driven his vehicle to Thousand Oaks where he intentionally targeted and struck high school students waiting at the bus stop outside of Westlake High School. Wesley W. was one of four students hit by the vehicle driven by Eis.

"Several innocent victims were injured, and a 15-year-old high school student lost his life as a result of this horrendous and senseless series of crimes," said District Attorney Erik Nasarenko.

"Our county collectively mourns this tragic loss of life and the injuries that have been suffered, and our office will continue to pursue justice and accountability on behalf of the victims and their families."

Victim Advocates from the Ventura County District Attorney's Office assisted at several scenes and Ventura County hospitals, providing counseling, services, and support. If you find yourself affected by this incident and need local resources, please contact the Ventura County Family Justice Center at (805) 947-7981 or (805) 652-7655.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Amber Lee, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Major Crimes Homicide Unit, is the prosecutor assigned to the case.

Eis appeared in court this afternoon and, through his attorney, continued the arraignment to May 19, 2023, at 1:30 pm in courtroom 13. He is being held in custody without bail.

**Case: 2023009480**

**Defendant Information:**

Austin Allen Eis (DOB 05/29/98)

Camarillo

**Charges:**

- PC 187(a) - Murder
  - Special Allegation PC 12022(b)(1) - Use of a deadly weapon
- PC 245 - Assault with a deadly weapon (4 counts)
  - Special Allegation PC 12022.7(a) - Causing great bodily injury (3 counts)
- PC 22810(g)(1) - Use of tear gas
- PC 459 - Second-degree commercial burg
- PC 459 - First-degree residential burglary
  - Special Allegation PC 667.5(c)(21) - Occupied Residence
  - Special Allegation PC 12022(b) - Use of a deadly weapon
- PC 236 - False imprisonment by violence
  - Special Allegation PC 12022(b)(1) - Use of a deadly weapon
- PC 417(a)(1) - Brandishing a knife (3 counts)