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Oxnard Man Pleads Guilty to Second-Degree Murder

VENTURA, Calif. - District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Librado Ruiz Rojo (DOB 01/23/01), of Oxnard, pled guilty to one felony count of second-degree murder for the death of Carlos Murillo. Rojo also admitted to the special allegation that he killed Murillo with a knife.

On January 26, 2020, Oxnard police officers were dispatched to a residence on Sycamore Street in Oxnard regarding a stabbing victim at a house party. Emergency medical personnel also responded, but the victim died at the scene from multiple stab wounds.

Investigators later learned that Rojo and Murillo attended the same party. As Murillo's group was leaving, Rojo challenged them to a fight. A fight ensued between the two men and Rojo stabbed Murillo multiple times. An autopsy showed Murillo was stabbed 10 times.

Senior Deputy District Attorney John Barrick, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Homicide Unit, prosecuted the case.

"The family and friends of Carlos Murillo have had to endure so much over the past three-and-a-half years trying to understand why Carlos was gone, while simultaneously and tirelessly advocating for the person who murdered him to be brought to justice," Barrick said. "Today's guilty plea will serve as a testament to the strength they have displayed during this awful ordeal that no family should ever have to bear."

Rojo is scheduled to be sentenced on July 6, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 23 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

Case: 2020003849

Defendant Information:

Librado Ruiz Rojo (DOB 01/23/01)
Oxnard

Charges Pled to:

- 187(a) - Second-degree murder

Special Allegation

- 12022(b)(1) - Use of a deadly weapon (knife)

