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Moorpark Man Sentenced for Murder of Brother-in-Law

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Elsworth Dennis Cadle (DOB 09/08/52), of Moorpark, was sentenced to 25 years to life in state prison. Cadle previously pled guilty on May 14, 2024, to the second-degree murder of his brother-in-law, Mark Milton. He also admitted to the special allegation that he personally and intentionally discharged a firearm resulting in death.

“This was a heartbreaking incident for the family,” Supervising Senior Deputy District Attorney Melissa Suttner said. “My hope is that today’s significant sentence will provide a path for the family to begin healing.”

In 2019, Cadle’s estranged wife and daughter were living with his sister and brother-in-law, in Moorpark. In early January, the wife and daughter were moving into their own apartment. They had rented a U-Haul truck to pick up belongings from Cadle’s apartment and from a storage unit Mr. Milton and his wife rented in Moorpark.

On January 3, 2020, Cadle drove past the storage unit and spotted Mr. Milton. Cadle then rented a car, retrieved his gun, and went back to the storage unit where he found Mr. Milton seated in the driver’s seat of the U-Haul. Cadle shot Mr. Milton in the head and fled. He was arrested several hours later by the Ventura County Sheriff’s Office. The gun was located in the center console of the rental car.

Case: 2020000396

Defendant Information:

Elsworth Dennis Cadle (DOB 09/08/52)

Moorpark

Convicted of:

- PC 187(a) - Murder

Special Allegations:

- PC 12022.53(d) – Personal and intentional discharge of a firearm resulting in death

