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## Thousand Oaks Gang Member & Juvenile Charged in Hate Crime Attack

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Javier Gomez (DOB 11/22/05) and a 14-year-old juvenile, both from Thousand Oaks, have been charged for a hate crime attack on an African American victim. Charged separately in adult and juvenile court, the defendant and minor each face one count of assault with a deadly weapon with the special allegations that the crime was committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang and committed as a hate crime. Gomez is also charged with aggravating factors of being armed with and using a weapon, and that he was on probation at the time of the crime.

On December 31, 2024, Gomez and the male juvenile are accused of yelling the N-word and other derogatory terms as they cornered two African Americans walking to their car in Thousand Oaks. Gomez, armed with a baseball bat, handed it to the juvenile who is accused of striking one victim multiple times. The victim sustained minor injuries.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Hayley Moyer, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Major Crime Gangs Unit, is prosecuting the case against Gomez. Senior Deputy District Attorney Joann Roth is handling the juvenile case.

Gomez pled not guilty at his arraignment on January 3, 2025. He remains in custody with bail set at \$130,000. Gomez is scheduled to be back in court for an early disposition conference on January 14, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

The juvenile was arraigned on January 6, 2025, and ordered detained at the juvenile facility in Oxnard. His next hearing is scheduled for January 21, 2025, in Juvenile Court.

**Case: 2024034341**

**Defendant Information:**

Javier Gomez (DOB 11/22/05)

Thousand Oaks

**Charges:**

- PC 245(a)(1) – Assault with a deadly weapon

**Special Allegations:**

- PC 186.22(b)(1)(B) – Street terrorism
- PC 422.75(b) – Hate crime
- CRC 4.421(a)(2) – The defendant was armed with and used a weapon
- CRC 4.421(b)(4) – The defendant was on probation when the crime was committed