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Re: People v. Ricki Leigh Newton, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 24CR01715

Santa Barbara County District Attorney John T. Savrnoch announced today that a felony complaint has been filed against Ricki Leigh Newton, 22, of Oxnard, California. Ms. Newton has been charged with one count of gross vehicular manslaughter in violation of Penal Code section 192(c)(1). The charge stems from an incident that occurred on August 13, 2023 when Ms. Newton was driving southbound on US-101 at a high rate of speed near Olive Mill Road exit. Ms. Newton is alleged to have caused a collision that resulted in the death of Louis Hernandez Jr.

The case is set for arraignment on the felony complaint on March 15, 2024 in Department 8 of the Santa Barbara Superior Court.

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