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***Re:    People v. Honorio Meliton-Fidal, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 23CR08141***

District Attorney John T. Savrnoch announced that on November 28, 2023, Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office filed a felony complaint charging Honorio Meliton-Fidal with the following counts:

As to the alleged sexual assault on Jane Doe 1 on January 23, 2023, the charges include Count 1: Rape of a Person Unable to Resist Due to an Intoxicating, Anesthetic, or Controlled Substance, in violation of P.C. § 261(a)(3), and Count 2: Rape of an Unconscious Person, in violation of P.C. § 261(a)(4). As to the alleged sexual assault on Jane Doe 2 on February 26, 2023, the charges include forcible rape in violation of P.C. § 261(a)(2) and forcible sodomy in violation of P.C. § 286(c)(2)(A). As for the alleged sexual assault on Jane Doe 3 on May 21, 2023, the defendant is charged with sexual penetration, in violation of P.C. § 289(d)(1).

The defendant was arraigned on November 29, 2023, and entered pleas of not guilty. The defendant is currently in custody at the Santa Barbara County Jail, with bail set at \$100,000 dollars. The Honorable Judge Thomas Adams has ordered that GPS be a term and condition of his bail, and has ordered that the defendant have no contact with the victims.

The case was assigned to Department 2 of the Santa Barbara Superior Court, presided by the Honorable Judge Pauline Maxwell. The next court date is December 7, 2023.

If anyone has information regarding to this case, please contact Detective Adam Mik of the Santa Barbara Police Department at 805-897-2345.

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