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Re: People v. Angel Varela & Oscar Trujillo-Gutierrez – Case No. 21CR02134

Santa Barbara County District Attorney John T. Savrnoch announced today that after a preliminary hearing in Department 12 of the Santa Barbara Superior Court, Angel Varela and Oscar Trujillo-Gutierrez were held to answer on two counts of murder and two counts of attempted murder, all for the benefit of a criminal street gang and with the use of a firearm. This means that a judge found there was enough evidence for the case to proceed to trial. As to each defendant, special circumstances are also alleged that they committed multiple murders and did so as members of the Carpas gang to benefit the Carpas gang.

It is alleged that on the evening of January 3, 2021, Varela, Trujillo-Gutierrez and a juvenile attacked a group of rival gang members on the 1200 block of Liberty Street, Santa Barbara, with a firearm, killing two and injuring two. The Santa Barbara Police Department investigated the case.

Varela and Trujillo-Gutierrez will be arraigned on the Information on December 11, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 12 of the Santa Barbara Superior Court.

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