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***RE:   People v. Jorge Solis Tafoya, Jr.***

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that murder charges have been filed against 18-year-old Jorge Solis Tafoya, Jr.

Specifically, Mr. Tafoya is charged with one felony count of Murder, in violation of Penal Code Section 187(a) as well as an enhancement for intentionally and personally using a firearm, which caused the death of Maurilio De La Cruz on February 19, 2022 in the City of Lompoc.

Mr. Tafoya is set for arraignment on the complaint in Santa Maria Superior Court at 8:30 a.m. on April 4, 2022, in Department 9.

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