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RE: *People v. Carlos Rios Zavala, Case No. 22CR02199*

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that charges have been filed against Carlos Rios Zavala, a 53-year-old resident of Santa Barbara, California. Mr. Zavala is charged with one count of Murder pursuant Penal Code section 187(a) and a special allegation for personal use of a knife. Mr. Zavala is alleged to have stabbed and killed 40-year-old Valentin Hernandez near the 500 block of North Milpas Street in the early morning of March 20, 2022. Three other individuals, Manuel Zavala-Azaueta, Leticia Munoz and Alejandro Zarco, have been charged with Accessory After the Fact to Murder for their independent roles in assisting Mr. Zavala in attempting to evade and flee from law enforcement.

Mr. Zavala is currently being held on \$2,000,000 bail and the case is set for Arraignment on March 28, 2022, in Santa Barbara Superior Court, Department 8 at 8:30 a.m.

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