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RE: *People v. Gabriel Jose Zepeda Case No. 22CR01947*

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that a felony complaint has been filed against Gabriel Jose Zepeda, age 46, of Santa Maria, California. The complaint charges Gabriel Jose Zepeda with willful, premeditated and deliberate First Degree Murder under Penal Code section 187(a) in connection with the death of Theresa Carina, age 50, occurring in the early morning hours of March 14, 2022. In addition, Zepeda has been charged with a special circumstance of Murder During the Commission of Robbery under Penal Code section 190.2(a)(17)(A). It is further alleged that Gabriel Jose Zepeda committed the murder while out on bail on his own recognizance, and that he has a prior strike conviction and prior serious felony conviction.

The defendant was arraigned in Department 8 of the Santa Barbara Superior Court this afternoon, and held without bail. The arraignment was continued to April 18, 2022, in Department 8 of the Santa Barbara Superior Court. If anyone has additional information they would like to provide, they can contact Detective Adam Mik of the Santa Barbara Police Department at (805) 897-2300.

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