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District Attorney Files Charges Against Three in Connection With State Street Stabbing

Re: *People v. Juan Fernando Rios, Sergio Rivas, Luis Gerardo Terrazas*

Santa Barbara County District Attorney John Savrnoch announced today that charges have been filed against 28-year-old Juan Fernando Rios, 30-year-old Sergio Rivas, and 29-year-old Luis Gerardo Terrazo in connection with the stabbings on State Street in the City of Santa Barbara on August 1, 2025.

Mr. Rivas is charged with the murder of victim Anthony Bisquera-Hartley, with the special allegations of committing the murder to benefit a criminal street gang, and the personal use of a knife. He is also charged with assault with a deadly weapon against victim, J. Ramos, with the special allegations of committing the assault to benefit a criminal street gang and causing great bodily injury. Mr. Rivas also faces numerous other firearm-related charges, including being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, carrying a loaded firearm in public, carrying a concealed firearm in a vehicle, and possession of a loaded firearm while also in possession of cocaine.

Mr. Rios is also charged with the murder of victim Anthony Bisquera-Hartley, with the special allegations of committing the murder to benefit a criminal street gang, the personal use of a knife, and committing a felony while out on bail for a felony offense. He additionally faces several firearm-related charges in connection with his arrest on July 26, 2025, including being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition and carrying a loaded firearm in public.

Mr. Terrazas is charged with the attempted murder of co-defendant Sergio Rivas, with the special allegations of committing the crime to benefit a criminal street gang and the personal use of a knife.

All three defendants will be arraigned in Department 8 of the Santa Barbara Superior Court today, August 5, 2025.

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