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RE: People v. Raul Gonzalez, Case No. 21CR07808

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that a felony complaint has been filed against Raul Gonzalez, 48, of Santa Barbara. All charges stem from a collision on November 27, 2021, at E. Cota St. and N. Salsipuedes St. in Santa Barbara, which resulted in the death of Kenneth Sterling. Mr. Gonzalez was the driver of a Jeep Patriot that rear-ended a moped driven by Mr. Sterling.

Mr. Gonzalez is charged with the following felony counts: one count of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, in violation of Penal Code section 191.5(a) and one count of driving under the influence of alcohol causing, in violation of Vehicle Code section 23153(a). Additionally, it is further alleged that Mr. Gonzalez personally inflicted great bodily injury to a victim over seventy years of age within the meaning of Penal Code section 12022.7(c).

Mr. Gonzalez was arraigned today, November 30, 2021, and entered not guilty pleas to the charges. Mr. Gonzalez's case was continued for Preliminary Hearing Setting on December 16, 2021 in Department 10 of the Santa Barbara Superior Court. Bail has been set at \$100,000.

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