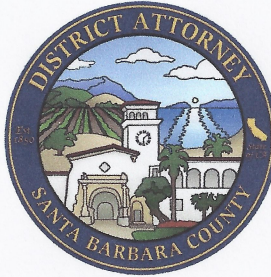


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**Re: *People v. Michael Paul Ledesma***

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that that she has sent a letter to the California Highway Patrol stating her finding that the CHP Officer involved in the shooting of Michael Paul Ledesma used an appropriate amount of force, under the circumstances; therefore, the shooting of Mr. Ledesma was lawful.

Mr. Ledesma survived the shooting and is presently being prosecuted by Senior Deputy District Attorney Megan Ross. He is charged with Attempted Murder of a Peace officer, Assault upon a Peace Officer, Assault with Personal Use of Deadly Weapon, and Child Abuse, along with the special allegations of Use of Deadly Weapon and Street Terrorism (committing the offense for the benefit of or at the direction of or in association with a criminal street gang, to wit: Northwest (Santa Maria)).

The case against Mr. Ledesma will be back in Department 8 of the Santa Barbara Superior Court, Santa Maria Division, on January 16, 2013, for a preliminary hearing setting.

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