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RE: *People v. Bryan Munoz, minor John Doe and Joshua Vega; Case #21CR00754*

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that Bryan Munoz and John Doe have been charged with the murders of Enzo Rastelli and Jasper Van Der Meulen in adult and juvenile court separately. It is alleged that the murders were committed for the benefit of, at the direction of or in association with the Westside criminal street gang in Santa Barbara County, in order to promote, further or assist in any criminal conduct by gang members on or about January 7, 2021. It is further alleged that a principal in the commission of the murders personally discharged a firearm causing death to both victims within the meaning of Penal Code sections 12022.53(d) and (e). It is further alleged that Bryan Munoz and minor John Doe unlawfully killed Enzo Rastelli and Jasper Van Der Meulen while active participants in a criminal street gang within the meaning of Penal Code section 190.2(a)(22). It is further alleged that Bryan Munoz and John Doe committed multiple murders within the meaning of Penal Code section 190.2(a)(3), making Bryan Munoz eligible for the death penalty or life in prison without parole.

Minor John Doe has been charged in juvenile court and is subject to being a ward of the court until age 25.

Bryan Munoz and Joshua Vega have been charged with conspiracy to commit robbery on January 7, 2021. As to Bryan Munoz, it is alleged that the conspiracy to commit robbery was done for the benefit of, at the direction of or in association with the Westside criminal street gang in Santa Barbara County, in order to promote, further or assist in any criminal conduct by gang members. As to Bryan Munoz, it is alleged that a principal in the conspiracy personally discharged a firearm causing death within the meaning of Penal Code sections 12022.53(d) and (e).

Bryan Munoz was arraigned on the above charges in Department 8 of the Superior Court of Santa Barbara on February 8, 2021.

Joshua Vega was arraigned on the conspiracy to commit robbery charge in Department 8 of the Superior Court of Santa Barbara on February 8, 2021, and faces a maximum of five years in the state prison.

Minor John Doe is to be arraigned on the above charges in juvenile court.

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