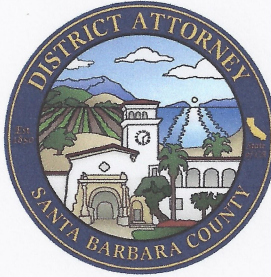


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**Re: People v. Santos J. Guevara-Oliva**

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that, for the first time, an alleged child molester will face a potential sentence of life without possibility of parole. This is the first time an alleged sex offender has faced such a sentence in Santa Barbara County and one of the few times this appears to have occurred throughout the state.

This charge is as a result of local and federal officials successfully extraditing fugitive Santos J. Guevara-Oliva from Maryland to Santa Barbara. Guevara-Oliva had been wanted on a "no bail warrant" since February 1, 2013, when the Santa Barbara District Attorney's Office filed a criminal complaint charging crimes of aggravated sexual assault of a child, rape of a child, as well as the special allegations of personal infliction of great bodily injury and causing injury to a child under 14 years of age or younger during a forcible sex crime.

The capture and extradition of Guevara-Oliva was a result of the collaborative efforts of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department, Maryland State Police, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Guevara-Oliva is in custody at the Santa Barbara County Jail, being held without bail. His arraignment is scheduled for this Monday, June 3, 2013, in Department 8 of the Santa Barbara County Superior Court, Figueroa Division.

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