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**TWO SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY AND CHARGED WITH MURDER AND
ATTEMPTED MURDER FOLLOWING A NOVEMBER 1, 2024 SANTA MARIA
SHOOTING.**

***Re: People v. Casey Jose Pacheco Hernandez and Casey Junior Hernandez
Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 24CR08575***

Santa Barbara County District Attorney John T. Savrnoch announced today that charges have been filed against 42-year-old Casey Jose Pacheco Hernandez and 19-year-old Casey Junior Hernandez. Mr. Casey Pacheco Hernandez and his son, Mr. Casey Junior Hernandez are charged with one count of Murder, in violation of Penal Code Section 187(a), for the death of Robert Estrada in the early morning hours of November 1, 2024 and four counts of Attempted Murder, in violation of Penal Code Section 664/187(a) for four additional victims. Mr. Casey Pacheco Hernandez is also charged with being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm, in violation of Penal Code Section 29800(a)(1). It is alleged that both Defendants personally discharged a firearm causing death and great bodily injury during the commission of the Murder and Attempted Murders.

Both Defendants were arraigned on the criminal complaint in Santa Maria Superior Court on November 6, 2024, in Department 9. Both entered not guilty pleas to all charges and denied all allegations. The Defendants are being held in custody at the Santa Barbara County Jail, without bail. The case has been set for a Preliminary Hearing Setting on November 14, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Department 8 of the Santa Maria Superior Court in front of the Honorable Judge Denise Hippach. Detective Brian Santiago is leading the investigation for the Santa Maria Police Department and Deputy District Attorney Austin Ingalls is leading the prosecution team.

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