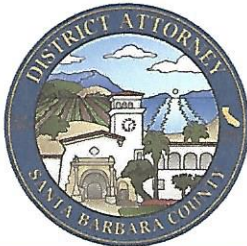


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**RE: *Defendant Accepts a Life Sentence and Pleads Guilty to Second Degree Murder***  
***People v. Aubrey Dupree Wadford, Case Number 1471319***

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that Aubrey Dupree Wadford pled guilty to murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and agreed to a sentence of 16 years to life. Wadford also admitted the special allegation of using a deadly weapon in the murder of his ex-girlfriend, Angela Laskey, on October 29, 2014.

In the early morning hours of October 29, 2014 a neighbor heard screaming coming from another apartment. The neighbor dialed 911. When Santa Barbara Police Officers arrived at the apartment, they found Ms. Laskey face down near the front door having sustained multiple stab wounds. Ms. Laskey was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics. Mr. Wadford was initially charged with first degree murder.

The trial of People v. Wadford began on April 4, 2017 in Santa Barbara Superior Court. After two weeks of evidence, the defendant pled guilty to murder in the second degree. As part of the plea, Wadford will be sentenced to 16 years to life in prison. The sentencing will take place in Department 2 of the Santa Barbara Superior Court on May 26, 2017.

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