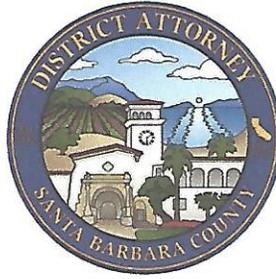


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Re: *Israel Gaspar Cruz, Carlos Geovani Perez, and Gerardo Gonzalez Flores; SM 1486111*

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that a third suspect has been charged in connection with the January 25, 2016, stabbing death of Marcos Pena. Sixteen-year old Gerardo Gonzalez Flores has been added to the complaint previously filed against Israel Gaspar Cruz and Carlos Geovani Perez. Flores is charged with one count of Murder in violation of Penal Code section 187(a) with a Gang Allegation pursuant to Penal Code section 186.22(b)(4). Flores is also being charged as an adult pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 707(d)(2).

All three defendants will be back in court for arraignment on March 16, 2016, in Department 9, in Santa Maria.

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