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Re: Charges Filed Against Santa Maria Man for Willful, Deliberate, Premeditated Attempted Murder of a Peace Officer.

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced that MICHAEL PAUL LEDESMA, 18 years old, from Santa Maria, California, has been charged with the following: 1) willful, deliberate, premeditated attempted murder on a peace officer, with a gang enhancement, and an allegation that he personally used a knife; 2) assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer; 3) assault with a deadly weapon upon a female victim; and 4) felony child endangerment of a one-year-old infant. The charges arise from events that occurred on the afternoon of July 15, 2012, in the unincorporated area of Los Alamos. Law enforcement responded to the 911 emergency call by the female victim. The defendant was shot by a peace officer on the scene and remains hospitalized for treatment of his injuries. He is in the custody of the Sheriff's Department and under 24-hour watch by deputies. He will be arraigned on the charges once he is medically cleared.

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