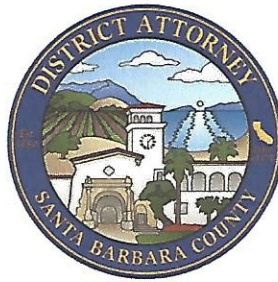


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March 4, 2016

**Re: Multiple defendant felony complaint**

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that a felony complaint has been filed against 16 people. Jose Balmore Lainez Saravia, Jose Ricardo Saravia Lainez, Marcos Manuel Sanchez Torres, Tranquilino Robles Morales, Juan Carlos Lozano Membreno, Jose Narcisco Escobar Hernandez, Luis Mejia Orellana, and Juan Carlos Serrano Urbina are charged with six counts of Conspiracy to Commit Murder, in violation of Penal Code section 182/187, with the Criminal Street Gang special allegation, in violation of Penal Code section 186.22(b) on each count. They are also charged with Criminal Street Gang Conspiracy, in violation of Penal Code section 182.5. In addition, Jose Ricardo Saravia Lainez is charged with Conspiracy to be an Active Participant in a Criminal Street Gang, in violation of Penal Code section 182/186.22(a).

Jose Mejia Orellano is charged with four counts of Conspiracy to Commit Murder, in violation of Penal Code section 182/187, with the Criminal Street Gang special allegation, in violation of Penal Code section 186.22(b) on each count. He is also charged with Conspiracy to commit Active Participation in a Criminal Street Gang, in violation of Penal Code section 186.22(a), and Criminal Street Gang Conspiracy, in violation of Penal Code section 182.5.

Jose Bonilla Mejia, Enedina Tomas, Olvin Serrano, and Jose Juan Torres Sanchez, are charged with two counts of Conspiracy to Commit Murder, in violation of Penal Code section 182/187, with the Criminal Street Gang special allegation, in violation of Penal Code section 186.22(b) on each count. Mejia and Serrano are also charged with Criminal Street Gang Conspiracy, in violation of Penal Code section 182.5.

Rafael Castro Lainez and Ezequiel Escalante-Rivera are charged with Conspiracy to Commit Active Participation in a Criminal Street Gang, in violation of Penal Code section 182/186.22(a), and Criminal Street Gang Conspiracy, in violation of Penal Code section 182.5.

Finally, Mayra Ortega is charged with Possession of a Concealed Firearm in violation of Penal Code section 25400(a), with the Criminal Street Gang penalty provision in violation of Penal Code section 186.22(d).

The defendants will be arraigned on March 18, 2016, at 8:30 a.m., in Dept. 9, in Santa Maria.

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