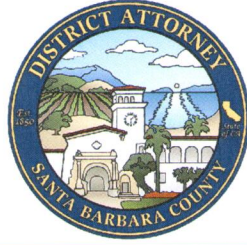


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***RE: People v. Nicolas Holzer***

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that the Grand Jury returned a criminal indictment against Nicolas Holzer, alleging 4 counts of murder and one count of Felony Animal Cruelty. The jury found a special allegation that the defendant used a knife in the commission of each of the offenses, as well as the special circumstance that he committed multiple murders. The four murder victims are the defendant's parents; William and Sheila Holzer and the defendant's children; Sebastian, age 13 and Vincent, age 10. The Animal Cruelty charge relates to the killing of the family dog. The defendant is to be arraigned Tuesday, October 28 in Department 2, courtroom of Judge Brian Hill.

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