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RE: People v. James Allen Carr and Enriquez Calles Vasquez – Case No. 21CR03915

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that a felony complaint has been filed against James Allen Carr, 76, of Elk Grove, California and Enriquez Calles Vasquez, 51, of North Highlands, California. Mr. Carr and Mr. Vasquez have been charged with two felony violations; Conspiracy to Commit Vandalism, in violation of Penal Code section 182(a)(1), and Vandalism causing damage over \$10,000, in violation of Penal Code section 594(a)(3). Additionally, Mr. Carr and Mr. Vasquez are charged with 3 misdemeanor violations of Santa Barbara Municipal Code section 15.20.115 (Unlawful Tree Removal from a Parkway), and 1 misdemeanor violation of Santa Barbara Municipal Code section 15.24.020 (Unlawful Tree Removal from a Setback).

It is alleged that in December of 2020, Mr. Carr and Mr. Vasquez illegally cut down and removed 3 Eugenia Trees owned by the City of Santa Barbara, and located on City of Santa Barbara property in front of a house on Paterna Road on the Riviera, owned by Mr. Carr. It is also alleged that Mr. Carr and Mr. Vasquez illegally removed a 4th Eugenia Tree located on Mr. Carr's property. The Eugenia Trees are estimated to have been over 50 years old, and the cost of replacing the 3 City of Santa Barbara owned trees is estimated to be over \$100,000.

Mr. Carr and Mr. Vasquez were previously charged by the Santa Barbara City Attorney in January 2021 with the 4 misdemeanor Municipal Code violations, and those charges are still pending, however the District Attorney's felony complaint has incorporated those 4 misdemeanor charges and the District Attorney's Office will take over the prosecution of the case going forward.

The Arraignment on the Felony Complaint is set for July 12, 2021, in Department 8 of the Santa Barbara Superior Court.

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