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RE: People v. Santos J. Guevara-Oliva

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that Santos J. Guevara-Oliva was convicted by jury of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Under 14 years of Age and Forcible Rape. In addition, the jury found true the special allegation that Guevara-Oliva personally inflicted great bodily injury upon the child in the commission of the crimes. This case represents the first case in history of Santa Barbara County in which the 2012 Chelsea's Law One Strike Sex Offense Sentencing will result in a sentence of life without the possibility of parole. Guevara-Oliva will remain in custody with no bail and will be sentenced on May 11, 2015, in Department 12 of the Santa Barbara County Superior Court, Judge Michael J. Carrozzo presiding.

This prosecution was a result of local and federal officials successfully extraditing this fugitive after he fled to the State of Maryland in 2013. The capture and extradition of Guevara-Oliva was a result of the collaborative efforts of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department, Maryland State Police, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Additionally, local agencies received assistance from the Department of Justice, Goleta Crime Lab, as well as from the Los Angeles Police Department. In addition to the 2012 rape and assault of the 13 year-old victim in this prosecution, Guevara-Oliva also molested another 12 year-old victim in 2008.

District Attorney Dudley commends Deputy District Attorney Ben Ladinig and his team for their zealous prosecution of this predator and applauds all of the local and federal agencies who assisted in bringing this fugitive to justice. In addition, Dudley is grateful to the two victims who bravely testified as to their sexual assaults, ensuring that this sexual predator will never again hurt another child.

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