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PRESS RELEASE

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CORONA MAN ACCUSED OF KIDNAPPING LOMPOC TEEN
HELD TO ANSWER ON ADDITIONAL CHARGES AT PRELIMINARY HEARING

Re: *People v. Saul Padilla*

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that Saul Padilla, a 47-year old Corona man, was held to answer on multiple charges at the conclusion of a preliminary hearing held today in D-1 of the Lompoc court before the Honorable James Iwasko.

The charges stem from an allegation of kidnapping and a lewd act upon a child after an arrest which occurred in Vandenberg Village on Sunday, January 8, 2012. The charges now include: Lewd Act on a Child, Kidnapping, Forcible Digital Penetration, plus an allegation of Kidnapping for Sexual Purposes, Criminal Threats, Sending Harmful Material to Seduce a Minor, Contacting a Minor with the Intent to Commit a Sex Offense, and Going to a Meeting with a Minor for Lewd Purpose.

Three witnesses testified at the hearing including Deputy Flick, who stopped the car containing the alleged victim, Detective Gamboa, who is conducting a continuing investigation on the case, and the alleged victim, 12-year old "Jane Doe." The defendant will be arraigned on all charges in Department 8 of the Santa Maria Superior Court on August 15, 2012.

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