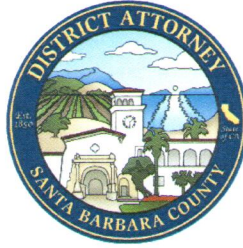


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Re: *People v. Sean Michael Kothe, Case No. 1500339*

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that felony charges have been filed against Sean Michael Kothe, 24, of Santa Maria, in connection with the death of 18 month old Jane Doe. Mr. Kothe is charged with Murder, in violation of Penal Code section 187(a), along with Assault on a Child Causing Death, in violation of Penal Code section 273ab.

The defendant was arraigned today in Department 9 of the Santa Maria Superior Court, where he pled not guilty. The preliminary hearing setting is currently scheduled for July 6, 2016, and the preliminary hearing is set for July 13, 2016, both in Department 8. Mr. Kothe remains in custody at this time on \$1,000,000 bail.

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