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District Attorney Files Charges Related to Santa Maria Courthouse Bombing

Re: People v. Nathaniel James McGuire, Santa Barbara Case No. 24CR80025

Santa Barbara County District Attorney John T. Savrnoch announced today that charges have been filed against Nathaniel James McGuire, a 20-year-old resident of Santa Maria, California. Mr. McGuire is charged with ten counts, including two counts of Attempted Murder, Use of an Explosive Device with the Intent to Murder, Use of an Explosive Device for Purposes of Terrorizing, Use of an Explosive Device Causing Injury, multiple counts of Arson with use of an Accelerant, and Possession of Loaded Firearms. Mr. McGuire is also charged with a Special Allegation for being out on bail for a separate felony offense, Santa Barbara case number 24CR07224, where Mr. McGuire was charged on September 17, 2024 with possession of an unserialized firearm.

Mr. McGuire was set for arraignment on his firearm possession case on September 25, 2024, when it is alleged that he arrived at the Santa Maria Courthouse and set off an explosive device. It is alleged that Mr. McGuire had several loaded firearms in his vehicle and intended to kill multiple individuals in the Courthouse complex. Further, it is alleged that Mr. McGuire committed various arsons around the Santa Maria area in preparation for his attack on the Courthouse.

Mr. McGuire is currently being held without bail in federal custody, this State complaint will remain pending until any Federal charges are adjudicated and Mr. McGuire is transported back to Santa Barbara to face these additional charges.

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