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**Santa Barbara Man Charged After Officer Injured in Pellet Gun Assault Near La Cumbre Mall**

**Re: *People v. Mitchell Grant Grote,***  
***Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 26CR03425***

**SANTA BARBARA, Calif.**— Santa Barbara County District Attorney John T. Savrnoch announced today that charges have been filed against Mitchell Grote, a 30-year-old resident of Santa Barbara. The charges are related to an incident that occurred near La Cumbre Mall on May 8, 2026, whereby Mr. Grote is alleged to have discharged a pellet gun striking a Santa Barbara Police Officer. Mr. Grote is charged with aggravated mayhem, assault upon a peace officer, battery on a peace officer causing injury, resisting an executive officer through force, and resisting, obstructing, or delaying peace officers during the course of their duties. In addition, Mr. Grote is charged with special allegations for personal use of a dangerous or deadly weapon and personal infliction of great bodily injury. Mr. Grote is alleged to have been on probation at the time of the offense for assault with a deadly weapon and personal infliction of great bodily injury. Mr. Grote's probation case stems from an incident where he stabbed an individual in the neck with a knife in the early morning of January 29, 2023 near Santa Barbara City Hall.

Mr. Grote pled not guilty to all charges and denied special allegations, he is set to appear in Department 11 of the Santa Barbara Superior Court for Preliminary Hearing Setting and Probation Violation Setting on May 26, 2026, at 8:30am. Mr. Grote's bail is currently set at \$1,000,000 in his new case and no bail on his felony probation.

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