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**Two Defendants Sentenced to Life Without Parole for 2021 Gang-Related Double Murder in Santa Barbara**

**Re: *People v. Angel Varela & Oscar Trujillo-Gutierrez,***  
***Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 21CR02134***

**SANTA BARBARA, Calif.**— Santa Barbara County District Attorney John Savrnoch announced today that Angel Varela and Oscar Trujillo-Gutierrez were both sentenced after a jury found them guilty in January of two counts of premeditated and deliberate first-degree murder for the benefit of a gang and two counts of premeditated and deliberate attempted murder for the benefit of a gang, as well as an unrelated felony assault that occurred while both were incarcerated at the Santa Barbara County Jail.

Angel Varela was sentenced to two terms of life without the possibility of parole in addition to 133 years to life.

Oscar Trujillo-Gutierrez was sentenced to two terms of life without the possibility of parole in addition to 33 years to life.

On the evening of January 3, 2021, Varela, Trujillo-Gutierrez and a juvenile drove from Carpinteria to Santa Barbara and attacked a group of individuals on the 1200 block of Liberty Street with a firearm, killing two and injuring two. The Santa Barbara Police Department investigated the case.

The juvenile was prosecuted in Santa Barbara County Juvenile Court and after a trial, the court found true that he committed two counts of premeditated and deliberate first-degree murder and two counts of premeditated and deliberate attempted murder for the benefit of the gang.

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