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**Joseph Ashley Garcia Sentenced to Life Without Parole for First Degree Murder**

**Re: *People v. Joseph Ashley Garcia***  
***Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 22CR04666***

**LOMPOC, Calif.**, — Santa Barbara County District Attorney John Savrnoch announced that Joseph Ashley Garcia was convicted by jury of first-degree murder and the special circumstance of torture was found true on April 13, 2026. On April 21, 2026, the jury found true that the defendant was sane at the time of the offense.

On June 10, 2026, the defendant was sentenced in Santa Maria Superior Court Department 7 by Judge Stephen Dunkle to life without the possibility of parole.

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