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VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that a jury has convicted Jose Luis Ortiz (DOB 10/10/71), of Oxnard, of attempt murder of a police officer with the personal and intentional discharge of a firearm, assault with a firearm upon a police officer, armed robbery, and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The charges stemmed from Ortiz' conduct on May 5, 2012, when he pointed a gun at a convenience store clerk and robbed him of the cash in the register. After fleeing from the convenience store, Ortiz encountered a K-9 officer on Cortez St. in El Rio, who was responding to the robbery call. As the officer drove by, Ortiz shot at the officer six times, striking the patrol car. Ultimately, responding officers and the canine were able to arrest Ortiz and take him into custody.

Sentencing for Ortiz is scheduled March 2, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 32 of the Ventura Superior Court, County of Ventura. Ortiz faces a maximum sentence of life with the possibility of parole.

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