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**Santa Paula Man Sentenced to 34 years 8 months for Assault with a  
Firearm on Two Peace Officers**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Severiano Arredondo (09/02/94), of Santa Paula, was sentenced to a term of 34 years 8 months for an assault with a firearm on two Santa Paula police officers. In March 2018, a jury convicted Arredondo of two counts of assault with a firearm on a peace officer, with special allegations that he personally discharged a firearm.

During the jury trial, witnesses testified that just before midnight on June 29, 2012, two Santa Paula Police Department officers were on patrol in a marked police vehicle. The officers called out to Arredondo after he illegally crossed the street. Arredondo continued to walk away from the police officers. After they called out to him again, Arredondo turned and pulled a handgun from his waist area. He aimed the gun at the officers and fired approximately four shots at the officers. One officer dove behind a bush to avoid being shot while the other officer took cover behind his patrol car and returned fire. The patrol car was hit by two of the bullets. Additional officers responded to the shooting and located Arredondo hiding in a nearby apartment complex. Both the Ventura Police Department and the Ventura County Sheriff's Office assisted in the investigation.

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