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Oxnard Teen Charged with Murder for April Shooting at Hollywood Beach

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that a 15-year-old male was charged with the April 22, 2018, murder of Oxnard resident Jose Lopez, in addition to allegations that the murder was committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang and was committed with the use of a firearm.

Jorge Ortega (DOB 11/20/97), of Oxnard, was also charged with the murder, along with gang and firearm allegations on May 11, 2018, and is scheduled to be arraigned on July 19, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura Superior Court, County of Ventura.

On the night of April 22, 2018, Mr. Lopez was shot multiple times in a parking lot on the 2900 block of Ocean Drive. This case was investigated by the Oxnard Police Department.

The 15-year-old minor remains detained on charges for the unrelated murder of Adrian Ornelas, who was stabbed multiple times near Bard Road and Anchorage Street in Oxnard on May 20, 2018.

He is set to be arraigned on July 12, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. at the Juvenile Justice Center. A motion to transfer the juvenile cases to adult court was filed by the District Attorney's Office.

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