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**Oxnard Man Found Guilty of 2012 Murder**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Daniel Alvarez (DOB 3/25/93), of Oxnard, was convicted by a jury of the first-degree murder, attempted robbery and use of a firearm in the killing of Jorge Rodriguez. The jury also found true the special circumstance that Alvarez committed the murder during the attempted commission of robbery.

On the evening of June 3, 2012, Mr. Rodriguez was socializing with friends in a garage at an apartment complex on the 3600 block of Samuel Ave. in Oxnard, when Alvarez accused him of selling counterfeit methamphetamine. Alvarez demanded his money back from that drug deal, and when Rodriguez could not produce any money, Alvarez shot him in the neck with a handgun, killing him. After a thorough investigation by the Oxnard Police Department, Alvarez was indicted for murder in 2014 while he was in custody on unrelated assault and robbery charges.

Alvarez will be sentenced on December 3, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 45 of the Ventura Superior Court, County of Ventura. Alvarez faces a maximum sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

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