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District Attorneys to Seek the Death Penalty in Golden State Killer Case

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced that this morning, the district attorneys of Sacramento, Santa Barbara, Orange, Ventura, Contra Costa, and Tulare Counties met to review the aggravating and mitigating circumstances in the Joseph DeAngelo (“Golden State Killer”) case pursuant to the death review protocol of Sacramento County. Thereafter, the four jurisdictions with special circumstance allegations – Sacramento, Santa Barbara, Orange, and Ventura – unanimously concluded to seek the death penalty in this case.

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