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Camarillo Man Found Guilty of Second-Degree Murder for Killing Teen

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Tyler Ostertag (DOB 10/16/1994), of Camarillo, was found guilty of second-degree murder for the stabbing death of Daniel Morales, of Camarillo, and dissuading a witness to the murder. Daniel was 16 years old when he was killed. The murder occurred on August 31, 2015.

Daniel Morales was outside of a fast-food restaurant in Camarillo when Ostertag started a fist fight with Daniel's friend, Joseph Hunt. After Ostertag lost the fist fight, he walked back to a vehicle parked 80 feet away and retrieved a knife. He returned to exact revenge on Joseph; however, Daniel jumped in front of his friend and Ostertag stabbed Daniel once in the heart. Daniel died later that day. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office investigated the case. Deputies were able to apprehend Ostertag in Riverside approximately 11 hours after the murder.

Ostertag will remain in custody at the Ventura County jail pending sentencing, which is scheduled May 10, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 26 of the Ventura Superior Court, County of Ventura. Ostertag faces a maximum sentence of 54 years to life in prison.

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