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**Camarillo Man Sentenced to Life for Murder at Fast-Food Restaurant**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Tyler Ostertag (DOB 10/16/94), of Camarillo, was sentenced to 72 years to life in prison by Judge Derek Malan. In April 2019, Ostertag was convicted of second-degree murder with use of a knife and dissuading a witness.

On August 31, 2015, 16-year-old Daniel Morales was having lunch at a fast-food restaurant in Camarillo when Ostertag started a fight with a friend of Mr. Morales's. After Ostertag lost the fight, he retrieved a knife from a vehicle parked 80 feet away. As he returned with the knife, Mr. Morales jumped in front of his friend. Ostertag stabbed Mr. Morales once in the heart and he 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.

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