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Oxnard Man Found Guilty of 2016 Murder

VENTURA, California –District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Christopher Gaston (DOB 12/2/79), of Oxnard, was convicted by a jury of the first-degree murder of Christopher Camper. The jury also found true that Gaston committed the murder by using a firearm, lying in wait, and shooting from a vehicle.

On June 25, 2016, at approximately 5:15 p.m., Gaston drove up to an Oxnard bus stop where Mr. Camper was standing. While sitting in the driver's seat, Gaston fired multiple shots from a handgun at Mr. Camper, hitting him three times and killing him. Gaston then fled the scene, hid his car and discarded the murder weapon. Within hours of the shooting, Oxnard Police Department detectives identified Gaston as the suspect. Detectives located Gaston's car, which contained a discharged .45 caliber bullet that was consistent with the rounds fired at Mr. Camper, indicating Gaston shot his own car in the course of the murder.

Gaston will be sentenced on June 24, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 47 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Gaston faces a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

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