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**District Attorney Declines to File Additional Charges in Elder Abuse Case**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that after a thorough investigation, no additional charges will be filed against Adam Barcenas (DOB 7-22-62) of Oxnard relating to victim Armida Castro, aged 71, also of Oxnard. Barcenas is currently charged with a felony count of elder abuse for assaulting Ms. Castro on April 13, 2019, a felony count of elder abuse against another victim the same day, and one felony count of resisting an officer. Ms. Castro died on April 21, 2019.

Oxnard Police Department conducted an extensive investigation into the circumstances underlying the crimes previously charged, as well as Ms. Castro's medical history. After a thorough review of the case, it has been determined that due to Ms. Castro's significant pre-existing medical conditions, it cannot be established the assault alleged to have been committed by Barcenas was a substantial factor causing Ms. Castro's death. Thus, no homicide charges will be filed in this matter.

Prosecution of Barcenas will proceed as currently charged. Barcenas is currently in custody with bail set at \$200,000.

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