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Oxnard Teen Sentenced for Role in 2018 Stabbing Death

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that a 17-year-old juvenile male, of Oxnard, was ordered to serve the maximum term of 12 years in the Department of Juvenile Justice for his role in the May 20, 2018, killing of Adrian Ornelas, also of Oxnard. The juvenile admitted to committing robbery and voluntary manslaughter on August 20, 2019.

In the early morning hours of May 20, 2018, Mr. Ornelas was stabbed multiple times in the area of Bard Road and Anchorage Street in Oxnard. The juvenile was originally charged under a theory of felony murder for his role with another minor in the robbery and killing of Mr. Ornelas. In 2018, Senate Bill 1437 was passed. This law limited application of the felony-murder rule to accomplices. As a result of the change in the law, the juvenile's charge of murder was reduced to voluntary manslaughter.

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