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Oxnard Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Hit-and-Run Murder

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Juan Dedios Gallegos III (DOB 3/12/93), of Oxnard, was sentenced to 36 years to life in prison by Judge David Worley. On October 17, 2019, a jury found Gallegos guilty of second-degree murder for the hit-and-run killing of Michael James Holley of Oxnard. The jury also found true that Gallegos personally used his pickup truck as a deadly weapon.

On May 23, 2019, at approximately 10:55 p.m., Oxnard Police Department officers responded to a collision involving a pedestrian in the west alley of the 2000 block of Mariposa Street in Oxnard. The Oxnard Police Department Major Crimes Unit responded to investigate the suspicious nature of the collision. The investigation revealed that Mr. Holley's blood was located on Gallegos's truck. A surveillance video of the events leading up to the murder and witness statements demonstrated that Gallegos intentionally struck and killed Mr. Holley.

This case was investigated by the Oxnard Police Department.

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