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### Camarillo Man Charged with the Murder of Jose Velasquez; DA and Sheriff to Hold News Conference Case: 2023001092

VENTURA, Calif. - District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Rotherie Durell Foster (DOB 11/03/85), of Camarillo, has been charged with the murder of Jose Velasquez.

Foster, a work acquaintance of the victim, was charged with intentionally murdering Velasquez for financial gain. He has also been charged with eight counts of identity theft, two counts of forgery, being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, and is facing several prior strike charges.

Jose Velasquez was last seen on July 27, 2022, and reported missing three days later. On October 3, 2022, hikers found his remains in the Santa Monica Mountains off Mulholland Highway. The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office found Velasquez's cause of death to be multiple gunshot wounds.

"Jose was an incredibly hard worker who was starting his own plumbing business when his life was viciously and cruelly cut short," said Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko. "The charges filed today are among the most violent and serious we see in the courthouse, and are a result of the strong teamwork between the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and our prosecutors."

Senior Deputy District Attorney Amber Lee, a member of the District Attorney's Office Major Crimes Unit, will prosecute the case.

Foster is scheduled to be arraigned on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 13 of the Ventura County Superior Court. District Attorney Erik Nasarenko and Ventura County Sheriff Jim Fryhoff will hold a joint news conference at 12:00 p.m. prior to the arraignment. Credentialed media wishing to attend should gather outside the District Attorney's Office on the third floor of the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Justice at 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Suite 314, Ventura, CA 93009.