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Murder Charge Filed Against Ventura Man

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney's Office announced today that Christopher Keith Rayhogan (DOB 09/06/03), of Ventura, had his first arraignment appearance on August 15, 2023. The charge of murder was filed against Rayhogan, along with the special allegation that he used a deadly weapon in the commission of a felony.

On August 12, 2023, the Ventura Police Department received a call of a stabbing victim. Arriving officers contacted both the victim and Rayhogan. The victim was transported to the hospital but succumbed to his injuries. Officers arrested Rayhogan for the murder.

It is alleged that Rayhogan and the victim lived in the same residence. While inside the home, there was a confrontation between Rayhogan and the victim. The filed charges allege that Rayhogan stabbed the victim, unlawfully killing him.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Richard Simon, a member of the District Attorney's Office Major Crimes Homicide Unit, is the prosecutor assigned to the case.

Rayhogan's arraignment was continued to September 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 13 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains in custody with bail set at \$510,000.

Case: 2023021023 Defendant Information: Christopher Keith Rayhogan (DOB 09/06/03) Ventura Charges: • PC 187(a) – Murder

Special Allegations:

• PC 12022(b)(1) – Use of a deadly weapon