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### Oxnard Man Pleads Guilty to Murder and Series of Violent Crimes

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Jacob Saldivar (DOB 06/01/02), of Oxnard, pled guilty on September 8, 2025, to 12 felonies including the murder of Charles Barber in 2019. Before and after the murder, Saldivar committed a series of crimes which he pled guilty to, including seven counts of robbery, two counts of residential burglary, sodomy of a person under 18, and unlawful sexual intercourse. He also admitted to the special allegation of using a deadly weapon to commit the murder of Mr. Barber and causing great bodily injury to a victim over 70 during one of his robberies.

Between April and June of 2019, Saldivar committed a series of violent crimes throughout Ventura County, beginning when he was 16 years old.

On June 24, 2019, Saldivar fatally stabbed Mr. Barber in Oxnard. The two walked to the parking area of an apartment complex when Saldivar became angry and attacked Barber with a knife. Barber collapsed inside the complex and subsequently died from multiple stab wounds, including one that penetrated his brain.

The murder occurred during a period in which Saldivar carried out numerous robberies, assaults, and burglaries. He repeatedly targeted young victims, including several teenagers walking home from school or the market, stealing their phones, money, and jewelry, and in some cases brandishing a knife or using physical violence that resulted in hospital visits. He also preyed on elderly victims. On June 8, 2019, Saldivar knocked an 82-year-old man unconscious, causing a concussion and broken jaw that left the victim with lasting memory issues. Just hours after the murder of Mr. Barber, Saldivar robbed a 75-year-old man in a Home Depot parking lot, violently yanking necklaces from the victim's neck. One of those necklaces held the victim's deceased wife's wedding ring.

In addition to these robberies, Saldivar burglarized both an apartment complex office and a private residence, stealing electronics, keys, and other valuables. On June 27, 2019, just days after the murder, Saldivar and another man lured two underage girls to a motel, gave one of them Xanax, and engaged in unlawful sex acts. Later that day, Saldivar was seen taking selfies with a gun and pounding on a motel door, leading to his arrest.

Due to the violent nature and Saldivar's crimes, Ventura County prosecutors argued and were successful at transferring the case to adult court.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Theresa Pollara, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Major Crimes Homicides Unit, prosecuted the case.

"The Ventura County District Attorney's Office is dedicated to protecting the safety of our community and in the case of Saldivar, made the choice to transfer him from juvenile to adult court, a choice that is never taken lightly but provided the best opportunity to rehabilitate a violent youthful offender," Ms. Pollara said.

Saldivar is scheduled to be sentenced on October 7, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 24 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains in custody with no bail and is expected to be sentenced to 33 years to life in state prison.

**Case: 2024007791**

**Defendant Information:**

Jacob Saldivar (DOB 06/01/02)  
Oxnard

**Charges pled to:**

- PC 187(a) – Murder
- PC 211 – Second degree robbery (7 counts)
- PC 286(b)(1) – Sodomy of person under 18
- PC 261.5(c) – Unlawful sexual intercourse
- PC 459 – First degree residential burglary (2 counts)

**Special allegations admitted:**

- PC 12022(b)(1) – Use of a deadly weapon (knife)
- PC 368(b)(2)(B) – Great bodily injury to elder over the age of 70

