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Rotherie Foster Held to Answer on 35 Felony Counts Including Two Murders and Armed Robbery

VENTURA, Calif. – After a seven-day preliminary hearing, a Ventura County Superior Court Judge has ordered Rotherie Durell Foster (DOB 11/03/85), of Camarillo, to stand trial on 35 felony counts, including the murders of Jose Velasquez and Bill Levy, a violent armed robbery in Fillmore, and a series of financial fraud crimes. The court also held Foster to answer on six special circumstances and all special allegations alleged by prosecutors, including murder for financial gain, personal and intentional discharge of a firearm, and murder by poison.

Foster is accused of murdering Mr. Velasquez in 2022, stealing his van and financial information, and later disposed of his body in the Santa Monica Mountains. That same year, Foster is charged with murdering Mr. Levy through intentional fentanyl poisoning. While he committed Mr. Levy's murder, Foster stole Mr. Levy's phone, bank card, and credit cards in order to drain his bank accounts.

Foster is also accused of committing an armed robbery at La Unica Mini Mart in Fillmore in July 2022, where employees were held at gunpoint, bound with duct tape, and robbed of thousands of dollars in cash. In addition, he faces multiple charges of financial fraud targeting vulnerable and elderly victims.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Amber Lee, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Major Crimes Homicide Unit, is prosecuting the case.

Foster is scheduled to be arraigned on the information on October 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains in custody with no bail.

Case: 2023001092**Defendant Information:**

Rotherie Durell Foster (DOB 11/03/85)

Camarillo

Charges:

- PC 187(a) – Murder (2 counts)
- PC 211 – Robbery (4 counts)
- PC 459 – Burglary
- PC 487(a) – Grand theft (3 counts)
- PC 368(d) – Theft, forgery and identity theft from an elder/dependent adult (10 counts)
- PC 470 – Forgery (2 counts)
- PC 530.5(a) – Identity theft (9 counts)
- PC 25850(a) – Carry a loaded firearm in a vehicle
- PC 30305(a)(1) – Possession of ammunition by a prohibited person
- PC 29800 – Felon in possession of a firearm (2 counts)

Special allegations:

- PC 189(a) – 1st degree murder
- PC 190.2(a)(1) – Murder for financial gain
- PC 190.2(a)(17)(A) – Murder during the commission of robbery
- PC 190.2(a)(17)(G) – Murder during the commission of burglary
- PC 190.2(a)(3) – Multiple murders
- PC 190.2(a)(19) – Murder of a witness
- PC 667(c) – Serious or violent felony (strike prior)
- PC 667(e)(2)(C)(iii) – Prior serious or violent felony conviction
- PC 12022.53(d) – Personal and intentional discharge of a firearm causing death or great bodily injury
- PC 12022.53(b) – Personal use of a firearm
- PC 667(a)(1) – Prior serious felony conviction
- PC 667.9(a) – Crime committed against a vulnerable victim
- PC 790(b) – Jurisdiction