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Three Juveniles Remanded to Juvenile Facility in Simi Valley Hate Crime Assault Case

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that three juveniles charged with hate crime allegations in connection with the August 1, 2025, Simi Valley movie theater parking lot assault have been remanded into the Juvenile Facility following detention hearings held on October 15 and October 16, 2025. The three minors also pled not guilty to all charges.

Prosecutors argued for detention, supported by reports from the Ventura County Probation Department recommending the minors be detained. The court ordered all three to be remanded to the Juvenile Facility. Their pre-trial conference is scheduled for October 29, 2025, and their contest is set for November 3, 2025.

The remaining two minors, who are not charged with hate crime allegations, are scheduled for continued arraignments on November 18 and November 21, 2025.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Maureen Byrne, the supervising prosecutor of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Juvenile Unit, is prosecuting the cases.

"These assaults were serious and deeply harmful to the victims and the community," Ms. Byrne said. "Given the facts of this case and the hate crime allegations, we asked the court to detain the three minors charged with those offenses."

Five juveniles are charged for their actions during an assault involving three separate victims in a Simi Valley movie theater parking lot on August 1, 2025. Two of the teens are also charged for another altercation in the same parking lot on May 30, 2025.

Three of the juveniles have been charged with felony assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury, with the special allegation of a hate crime for each one. A fourth juvenile faces felony

assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury, as well as misdemeanor criminal threats and misdemeanor battery. The fifth juvenile is charged with misdemeanor criminal threats and misdemeanor battery.

Two of the minors are 16 years old. Three of them are 17 years old. Due to their ages, their names cannot be released.

Charges:

- PC 245(a)(4) – Assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury
- PC 422(a) – Criminal threats
- PC 242 – Battery

Special Allegations:

- PC 422.75(a) – Hate crime