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### Port Hueneme Man Charged with Attempted Murder of Police Officer

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Christian Octavio Arreola (DOB 01/16/94), of Port Hueneme, has been charged with multiple felonies stemming from a violent attack on a Port Hueneme police officer earlier this month.

Arreola is charged with attempted murder, assault upon a peace officer, battery with injury on a peace officer, and resisting an executive officer. The complaint further alleges that the crime involved great violence, that Arreola was armed with and used a weapon, and includes a special allegation related to the attempted murder of a peace officer.

“This was an attack on a police officer who was responding to a mental health crisis and attempting to protect both the individual involved and the community,” said District Attorney Nasarenko. “Violence against law enforcement officers will not be tolerated, and my office will aggressively prosecute those who commit these dangerous crimes.”

On January 8, 2026, at approximately 4:30 p.m., Port Hueneme Police Department officers responded to a residence to assist Ventura County Behavioral Health personnel, including members of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), in contacting Arreola.

Officers and Behavioral Health personnel attempted multiple times to contact Arreola without success. Arreola’s father provided officers with permission to enter the residence. Once inside, officers announced their presence. Arreola is accused of charging at and stabbing a Port Hueneme police officer in the left eye with a steel dental pick. Arreola allegedly continued thrusting the weapon toward the officer’s body and stomach. The officer retreated, and his ballistic vest prevented additional injuries. Another officer discharged his firearm to stop the attack and Arreola was struck twice. Both Arreola and the injured officer were transported to local hospitals for medical treatment.

Deputy District Attorneys Kalin Woodward and Heather Sweatman, members of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Crimes Against Police Officers Unit, are prosecuting the case.

Arreola made his first court appearance on January 21, 2026, where his arraignment was continued to February 20, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 13 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains in custody without bail.

**Case: 2026001568**

**Defendant Information:**

Christian Octavio Arreola (DOB 01/16/94)  
Port Hueneme

**Charges:**

- PC 664/187(a) – Attempted murder
- PC 245(c) – Assault upon peace officer
- PC 243(c)(2) – Battery with injury on a peace officer
- PC 69(a) – Resisting an executive officer

**Special allegations:**

- PC 190.2(a)(7) – Murder of peace officer
- CRC 4.421(a)(1) – The crime involved great violence
- CRC 4.421(a)(2) – The defendant was armed with and used a weapon