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Oxnard Man Convicted in Double-Murder & Separate Shooting

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Kristian Fonseca (DOB 10/07/98), of Oxnard, has been convicted of two first-degree murder charges and other crimes. A jury found Fonseca guilty of killing Jose Estrada and Daniel Zuniga. Fonseca was also convicted of two counts of attempted murder and one count of being in possession of a firearm less than 10 years after a conviction. All special allegations and aggravating factors were found true, including the special circumstance of multiple murders and the personal and intentional discharge of a firearm. He faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Fonseca's crimes encompass two separate shootings and four victims. In October 2019, Fonseca was affiliated with a tagging crew based in Santa Paula. On October 12, 2019, Fonseca and two friends drove along Ventura Avenue and stopped near a liquor store at East Simpson Street. After observing two men standing near a food truck, the group approached them in their vehicle. One of the victims was confronted and asked, "Where are you from?" before Fonseca fired multiple rounds from a shotgun.

The victims were not gang members. One victim was struck multiple times and suffered life-threatening injuries, requiring emergency surgery and resulting in long-term medical complications. Surveillance video captured portions of the incident, and officers recovered four spent shotgun shells at the scene.

A year later on October 24, 2020, Fonseca attended a front yard gathering in Santa Paula when three rival tagging crew members approached from down the street after a day of escalating verbal confrontations. The encounter turned physical when one of the individuals fought Fonseca in the street. Following the fight, Fonseca retrieved a firearm and opened fire on the group. Jose Estrada and Daniel Zuniga were both shot and died from their injuries, while a third victim was struck but

survived. Evidence showed Fonseca continued firing at close range after the victims had fallen, including as one victim pleaded for his life.

Officers recovered ten 9mm shell casings at the scene, most were near the two victims who died. Fonseca was arrested three days later. The firearm used in the shooting was never recovered.

“Justice in this case took time, but the victims’ families never lost faith in the process,” said Senior Deputy District Attorney Blake Heller, who prosecuted the case. “They showed tremendous patience and strength in the face of unimaginable loss. We are grateful to the jury for their careful attention to the evidence and their service. Today’s verdict ensures the defendant will never again be a danger to society.”

Fonseca is scheduled to be sentenced on May 14, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 26 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

Case: 2020012933

Defendant Information:

Kristian Fonseca (DOB 10/07/98)
Oxnard

Charges:

- (2 counts) PC 187(a) – Murder
- (2 counts) PC 664/187(a) – Attempted murder
- PC 29805 – Own/possess/control firearm less than 10 years after misdemeanors

Special allegations:

- PC 189(a) – 1st degree murder
- PC 190.2(a)(3) – Commission of more than one murder
- PC 12022.53(d) – Personal and intentional discharge of a firearm causing great bodily injury
- PC 664(a) – Premeditated attempted murder
- CRC 4.421(a)(1) – The crime involved great violence
- CRC 4.421(a)(2) – The defendant was armed with and used a weapon
- CRC 4.421(b)(1) – Defendant has engaged in violent conduct

