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Oxnard Man Arraigned for 2014 Park Stabbing Murder

VENTURA Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Jose Antonio Jimenez (DOB 01/08/94), of Oxnard, was arraigned on May 20, 2026, for the 2014 killing of Labh Nigah. Jimenez is charged with one count of murder and three special allegations: personally using a knife in the commission of the offense, that the killing involved great violence, and the victim was particularly vulnerable. He pled not guilty to all charges and special allegations.

On November 13, 2014, at approximately 8:43 a.m., officers with the Oxnard Police Department responded to a report of a battery victim in Sierra Linda Park. Officers located Nigah, a 55-year-old Oxnard resident, suffering from stab wounds along a walking path near Indigo Place. Despite lifesaving efforts, he was pronounced deceased at the scene. An autopsy later confirmed the manner of death as homicide.

Detectives determined that Nigah had just walked his son to a nearby elementary school before being attacked in broad daylight. The killing occurred in a public park adjacent to the school while it was in session and was witnessed by individuals in the park as well as nearby school staff and students. Authorities believe the attack was random.

The case remained unsolved for more than eleven years despite extensive investigative efforts, including witness interviews, public appeals for information, and forensic testing. Evidence collected at the scene, including DNA, was entered into the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), but no match was identified at the time.

In recent years, investigators from the Oxnard Police Department, Ventura County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Unit, Ventura County District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation utilized advances in DNA technology to develop new leads. Through this process, detectives identified Jimenez as a suspect.

On April 2, 2026, detectives served an arrest warrant at a residence in Oxnard and took Jimenez into custody without incident.

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

Jimenez is scheduled for an early disposition conference on August 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains in custody with bail set at \$1 million.

Case: 2026008641

Defendant information:

Jose Jimenez (DOB 01/08/94)

Oxnard

Charges:

- PC 187(a) - Murder

Special allegations admitted:

- PC 12022(b)(1) – Use of deadly weapon
- CRC 4.421(a)(1) – The crime involved great violence
- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – Victim was vulnerable

