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## Murder Charges Filed Against DUI Driver in Double-Fatal Bicycle Collision

VENTURA Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Gabriel Esquivel (DOB 01/13/02), of Oxnard, has been charged with two counts of second-degree murder for the deaths of two bicyclists on State Route 1 (SR-1) near Solimar Beach. Esquivel is also charged with driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage causing injury, driving with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or higher causing injury to a third bicyclist, and driving while his license was suspended or revoked. The complaint further alleges the special allegation that Esquivel personally inflicted great bodily injury during the commission of a felony.

On June 11, 2026, at approximately 7:07 p.m., officers from the California Highway Patrol responded to a traffic collision on SR-1 (Old Pacific Coast Highway) north of Solimar Beach Drive. Esquivel was driving a Nissan Frontier northbound when he allegedly struck three bicyclists who were traveling in the same direction along the right side of the roadway.

The collision caused fatal injuries to Kellie Standish, who was pronounced deceased at the scene. William Colby Tucker was transported to a local hospital, where he later died from his injuries. A third victim suffered major injuries.

Officers investigating the collision observed signs of alcohol impairment and conducted a DUI investigation and arrested Esquivel at the scene. Investigators also determined he allegedly did not possess a valid California driver's license.

Esquivel is charged with murder because he had previously been warned about the deadly consequences of impaired driving. Following a December 19, 2025, DUI arrest in Oxnard, Esquivel received multiple Watson advisements, which warn drivers that if they drive under the influence again and someone is killed, they can be charged with murder. That case remains pending in Ventura County Superior Court.

Deputy District Attorney Clayton Reagan, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office DUI Unit, is prosecuting the case.

Esquivel made his first court appearance on June 15, 2026. His arraignment was continued to June 22, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 13 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains in custody without bail.

**Case: 2026015375**

**Defendant Information:**

Gabriel Esquivel (DOB 01/13/02)

Oxnard

**Charges:**

- (2 counts) PC 187(a) – Second degree murder
- VC 23153(a) – DUI of alcoholic beverage causing injury
- VC 23153(b) – Driving with a .08% blood alcohol causing injury
- VC 14601.5(a) – Driving while license suspended/revoked

**Special allegations:**

- PC 12022.7(a) – GBI in commission of felony