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Moorpark Man Sentenced for Assault with a Deadly Weapon

VENTURA Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that William Cornelis Boer (DOB 04/20/63), of Moorpark, was sentenced on July 28, 2026, to 10 years in state prison. Boer previously pled guilty on June 29, 2026, to possessing explosives and assault with a deadly weapon, with a firearm enhancement. Boer also admitted the aggravating factor that the manner in which the crime was carried out indicated planning, sophistication, and professionalism. The conviction is a strike offense under California law and carries significant consequences.

Deputy District Attorney Melissa Toporoff, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Unit, prosecuted the case.

"The 10-year prison sentence reflects the seriousness of the defendant's conduct and ensures accountability," Ms. Toporoff said. "We hope it provides closure to the victim and her family as they move forward."

On September 10, 2024, the victim returned to the Moorpark residence she shared with her estranged husband. Boer armed himself, turned on the gas to the home's stove, placed propane tanks inside the residence, and attempted to ignite a lighter. The victim immediately exited the home. Boer followed and placed a propane tank beside her vehicle and fired multiple rounds at the propane tank. The victim fled the area uninjured. Boer barricaded himself inside the residence and fired multiple rounds from inside the home as Ventura County Sheriff's Office deputies responded. No deputies were struck. Boer later surrendered. Investigators recovered a rifle and a pistol from the residence.

Case: 2024024842

Defendant Information:

William Cornelis Boer (DOB 04/20/63)

Moorpark

Charges pled guilty to:

- PC 18740 – Possess, explodes, ignites any destructive device or explosive
- PC 245(a)(2) – Assault with a firearm

Special allegations admitted:

- PC 12022.5(d) – Use of firearm
- CRC 4.421(a)(8) – The manner in which the crime was carried out indicates planning, sophistication, or professionalism

