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Oxnard Man Convicted of Murder While on Parole for Robbery

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Omar Romo (12/17/88), of Oxnard, was convicted by a jury of the murder of Oscar Rodriguez. Romo was found guilty of murder, assault with a semiautomatic firearm, and possession of a firearm by a felon. Multiple charged special allegations and aggravating factors were found true, including personal and intentional discharge of a firearm, that Romo was on parole when the crime was committed and strike priors.

On July 12, 2023, Romo, a known gang member, drove to an alley on Cooper Road in Oxnard, where he shot Rodriguez three times before fleeing the area in his vehicle. Rodriguez was transported to a hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

Romo was on GPS monitoring because of a prior robbery conviction, and his GPS data placed him at the scene of the shooting. Surveillance footage also showed Romo driving a black Honda Accord, matching the one at the scene and wearing similar clothing while in the area earlier that day. Oxnard Police Department detectives later searched Romo's residence and vehicle, where they found ammunition and recovered the firearm used in the murder.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Hayley Moyer, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's office Major Crimes Gang Unit, prosecuted the case.

"Oscar Rodriguez lost his life to senseless street violence," Ms. Moyer said. "There is no place for using a firearm to resolve conflicts and this conviction holds the defendant accountable for that choice."

Romo is scheduled to be sentenced on October 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 25 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains in custody without bail and faces 110 years to life in state prison.

Case: 2023025872

Defendant Information:

Omar Romo (DOB 12/17/88)

Oxnard

Charges convicted of:

- PC 187(a) – Murder
- PC 245(b) – Assault with a semiautomatic firearm
- PC 29800(a)(1) – Possession of a firearm by a felon

Special allegations found true:

- PC 12022.53(d) – Personal and intentional discharge of a firearm
- PC 667S3 – Strike 3
- PC 1170(h)(3) – Prior serious or violent felony
- PC 667(a)(1) – Serious felony prior
- PC 1203.085(a) – On parole serious or violent felony
- 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
- CRC 4.421(b)(3) – The defendant has served a prior prison term
- CRC 4.421(b)(4) – The defendant was on parole when the crime was committed
- PC 12022.5(a)(1) – Use of firearm
- PC 12022.7(a) – GBI in commission of felony

