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Oxnard Man Found Guilty of Possessing Methamphetamine with a Loaded Firearm

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Emmanuel Munoz (DOB 12/13/90), of Oxnard, was found guilty in a court trial on October 27, 2026, of possession of methamphetamine while armed with a loaded firearm and battery against a peace officer.

On March 17, 2026, Santa Paula Police Department officers stopped Munoz for a traffic violation. During the traffic stop, Munoz became uncooperative with officers and was ultimately arrested for battery on a peace officer. During a search of the vehicle, officers located a loaded handgun in the center console. Officers also located a bag belonging to Munoz that contained a large-capacity magazine loaded with 9mm ammunition, along with three containers of methamphetamine. Additional methamphetamine was found in Munoz's wallet, wrapped in a dollar bill.

Deputy District Attorney Paul Hiepler, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office General Trials Unit, prosecuted the case. "The defendant placed law enforcement officers in an extremely dangerous situation," Mr. Hiepler said. "The defendant's conduct also significantly increased the risk to public safety, and I am satisfied with the court's verdict."

Munoz is scheduled to be sentenced on December 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 25 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Munoz faces a maximum punishment of three years in state prison.

Case #: 2026007284

Defendant Information:

Emmanuel Munoz (DOB 12/13/90)

Oxnard

Charges:

- HS 11370.1(a) – Possession of a controlled substance with firearm
- PC 243(b) – Battery upon officer and emergency personnel