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Suspect in Ventura Bike Path Stabbing Pleads Guilty to Murder

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Pedro Munoz (DOB 07/01/83), of Ventura, pled guilty on October 5, 2026, to the first-degree murder of Marcos Guzman Reyes. Munoz also admitted several special allegations and factors in aggravation, including the use of a deadly weapon, the crime involving great violence and that he was on parole at the time he committed the murder.

On July 23, 2022, Munoz used a knife to stab Mr. Reyes to death on a bike path in Ventura's Montalvo neighborhood. Both men were unhoused and staying in the same area. Video surveillance captured both men entering the bike path and Munoz fleeing the area shortly after the stabbing. Reyes was found with multiple stab wounds to his body.

Munoz was arrested three days later by Ventura Police Department officers. He was wearing the same shoes he had been wearing during the stabbing. Those shoes had blood stains, which were tested and confirmed to contain the victim's DNA.

Senior Deputy District Attorney David Russell and Deputy District Attorney Kalin Woodward, members of the Ventura County District Attorney's Major Crimes and General Trials Units, prosecuted the case.

"After four years, I hope the defendant's decision to accept responsibility for Marcos' murder will finally allow the victim's family to begin moving forward," Ms. Woodward said. "This guilty plea can provide them with some sense of closure and allow them to continue the process of healing from their loss."

Munoz is scheduled to be sentenced on November 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He is expected to be sentenced to 26 years to life in state prison.

Case: 2022018776

Defendant Information:

Pedro Munoz (DOB 07/01/83)

Ventura

Charges pled guilty to:

- PC 187(a) – Murder

Special allegations admitted:

- PC 12022(b)(1) – Use of deadly weapon
- PC 1203.085(b) – Ineligible for probation
- CRC 4.421(a)(1) – The crime involved great violence
- 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)(2) – The defendant's prior convictions
- CRC 4.421(b)(3) – The defendant has served a prior term in prison
- CRC 4.421(b)(5) – Defendant's prior performance on parole was unsatisfactory

