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Oxnard Juvenile Charged in Five Guys Shooting Case

OXNARD, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that a minor has been charged with three felony counts in juvenile court for the near-fatal shooting at Five Guys in Oxnard where an innocent bystander was wounded. The 17-year-old is charged with shooting at an occupied building, assault with a semiautomatic firearm, and buying or receiving a firearm against a court order. The teenager also faces two special allegations for intentionally discharging a firearm causing great bodily injury and personally using a firearm. He was arraigned in juvenile court and denied all charges.

The minor was 16 years old at the time of the alleged offense.

Prosecutors filed a motion to transfer this case from the juvenile court to the adult court. Supervising Senior Deputy District Attorney Blake Heller and Deputy District Attorney Lillian Tsao are prosecuting the case.

“Adult court is the appropriate venue for this case,” Mr. Heller said. “The alleged actions of this young man have forever changed the life of an innocent victim who was simply at work when he was shot. He is fortunate to have survived this violent attack.”

On August 28, 2026, the minor was at The Collection shopping center in Oxnard. Surveillance video from the shopping center shows the minor being chased by two males. The minor is accused of pulling out a gun and firing at least one shot in their direction. That bullet missed the intended targets and stuck the victim, a Five Guys employee inside the restaurant. The victim was stuck in the neck and transported to Ventura County Medical Center with significant injuries.

An investigation by the Oxnard Police Department led to the arrest of the minor the next morning.

The next scheduled court date is December 15, 2026, at the Juvenile Justice Center in Oxnard. The teen remains in custody at the juvenile facility.

Charges:

- PC 246 – Shooting at an inhabited dwelling
- PC 29825(a) – Buy/receive a firearm against court order
- PC 245(b) – Assault with a semiautomatic firearm

Special allegations:

- PC 12022.53(d) – Personal and intentional discharge of a firearm causing great bodily injury
- PC 12022.5(a)(1) – Use of firearm