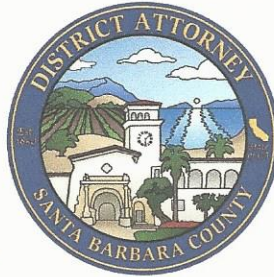


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**Re: *People v. Benjamin Ybarra, Jr., Edgar Cordova, Jesse Martin Enriquez, Ulisses Ramon Guzman, Arturo Renteria, Jr., Ruben Jose Regalado, indictment by Grand Jury***

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that on Monday, November 3, 2014, the Grand Jury returned criminal indictments against Benjamin Ybarra, Jr. and Edgar Cordova for conspiracy to commit murder related to on-going criminal street gang activity in the City of Santa Barbara on August 14, 2013.

The jury also returned indictments against Ybarra, Cordova, Jesse Martin Enriquez, Ulisses Ramon Guzman, Arturo Renteria, Jr., Ruben Jose Regalado, and an unidentified person for whom the Court issued an arrest warrant, alleging five counts of extortion and a conspiracy to commit extortion. Cordova and Regalado were also indicted for conspiracy to sell or transport methamphetamine.

The jury found that all seven defendants committed the alleged crimes for the benefit of, in association with or at the direction of, a criminal street gang.

The defendants were arraigned today Wednesday, November 5, 2014, in Department 9, in Santa Maria.

Ybarra, Cordova, Enriquez, Regalado, and Franco Aguiniga had previously been charged in Case No. 1453854. The previously filed case will be dismissed in favor of the indictment. On Tuesday, October 21, 2014, Aguiniga pled guilty to conspiracy to commit extortion and admitted the gang allegation. He will be sentenced on January 5, 2015, to 7 years, 8 months in state prison.

Arturo Renteria Jr. and Ulisses Ramon Guzman are from Santa Maria. The outstanding suspect and Franco Aguiniga are from Lompoc. Benjamin Ybarra, Jr., Edgar Cordova, Jesse Martin Enriquez, and Ruben Jose Regalado are from Santa Barbara.

Benjamin Ybarra, Cordova, Enriquez, Guzman, and Regalado are all in County Jail. Renteria is currently serving a sentence in state prison. There is an outstanding warrant for the seventh indicted defendant.

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