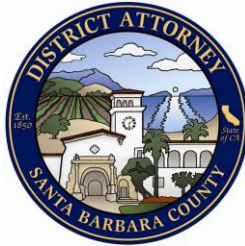


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Re: *People v. Shaquille Ahmed Lindsey, Case No. 18CR08422*

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that a felony complaint has been filed against Shaquille Ahmed Lindsey, 25, of Covington, Georgia, in connection with the August 28, 2016 traffic collision that killed Ruben and Bertha Betancourt of Lompoc, California. Mr. Lindsey is charged with two felony counts alleging gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, in violation of Penal Code § 191.5(a), and one felony count of driving under the combined influence of alcohol and drugs causing injury to Juan Betancourt, in violation of Vehicle Code § 23153(g). In addition, special allegations of causing great bodily injury, in violation of Penal Code § 12022.7(a) are alleged as to each count.

This collision occurred on a stretch of Santa Lucia Canyon Road in an area originally believed to be Vandenberg Air Force Base property and within Federal jurisdiction. During subsequent proceedings in Federal District Court it was determined that a boundary marker for the Base was incorrect, and the collision had actually occurred within Santa Barbara County jurisdiction. District Attorney Dudley recently appointed two Assistant United States Attorneys, Joanna Curtis and Julian André, as Special Deputy District Attorneys to continue handling this matter as a state court prosecution. This is the first time that federal prosecutors have been authorized to serve in the Santa Barbara District Attorney's Office.

Mr. Lindsey is scheduled to be arraigned on September 18, 2018, at 8:30 a.m., in the Lompoc Superior Court.
