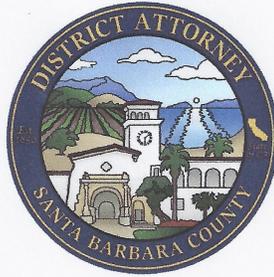


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Re: People v. Lorenzo Alex Padilla

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that on June 5, 2013, a criminal Grand Jury returned an indictment against Lorenzo Alex Padilla for an alleged attack that took place on October 13, 2011, at the Santa Maria Court in a jail holding facility.

It is alleged that Mr. Padilla did so while pending trial for three separate attempted murder incidents, in which he was later convicted. It is further alleged that Mr. Padilla used a jail-made shank to attack the custodial officer from the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department for the benefit of a criminal street gang.

After hearing sworn testimony from witnesses, the criminal Grand Jury returned an indictment consisting of attempted murder, aggravated mayhem, and torture. The criminal Grand Jury likewise indicted as to special allegations that the incident was premeditated and done at the direction of or for the benefit of a criminal gang. Lorenzo Padilla is currently serving a state prison sentence in Pelican Bay. With the criminal indictment, the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office will proceed to trial against Mr. Padilla. Should Padilla be convicted at trial on these charges he would face the sentence of life in prison. District Attorney Dudley commented that violence against custodial officers will be both justly and zealously prosecuted. She further thanked Deputy District Attorney Paul Greco for his excellent work in preparing for this hearing.

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