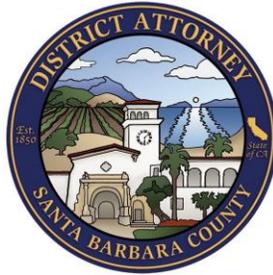


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***** **P R E S S R E L E A S E** *****

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Re: *In the Matter of Maribel S.*; Case No. 1435502

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that *In the Matter of Maribel S.* The Honorable Arthur Garcia found the charge of second degree murder to be true. The court also found true that the minor used a deadly weapon during the commission of the crime.

The Matter was brought against Maribel S. by the District Attorney's Office as a result of the January 17, 2016 death of Maribel's newborn baby boy.

District Attorney Dudley stated, "Everything about this case is tragic, from the horrific death of a newborn to the long-term effect this will have on our entire community.

"In addition to those primarily effected by this tragedy," Dudley added, "everyone engaged in the investigation and prosecution of this case were also deeply affected by all they observed and experienced. It is my hope that the Judge's ruling today brings some sense of closure and healing. Above all, the community should be reminded that there is a multitude of resources available to individuals and families in need of help and support during dire times."

These resources include, but are not limited to, the ability to safely surrender a baby at any hospital or designated fire station, or other safe surrender site. For details, please visit the Safely Surrendered Baby Program website at <http://www.sbcfire.com/safely-surrendered-baby-program/>.

Sentencing for Maribel S. will occur in Santa Maria Juvenile Court on November 16, 2016.
