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Re: People v. Kenneth Robbie Whalen, Case No. 18CR05267

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that charges have been filed in connection with the April 3, 2018 death of Theo Bennett that occurred in Lompoc. Kenneth Robbie Whalen, age 30, is charged with murder, in violation of Penal Code section 187 and a special allegation that he used a knife during the commission of that offense.

In a brief court appearance this morning, Mr. Whalen's arraignment was continued to May 31, 2018, in Department 1 of the Lompoc Superior Court.

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