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Updated News Release

Identities of Homicide Victims and Suspect Released

Santa Barbara – The Sheriff's Office has completed next of kin notifications and is releasing the names of three homicide victims and the deceased suspect responsible for the murders. The suspect is 43-year-old David Gerald McNabb of Orcutt. The decedents include his sister, 34-year-old Nicole McNabb of Orcutt, his mother 64-year-old Melanie McNabb of Orcutt and 63-year-old Carlos Echavarria of Orcutt.

David McNabb formerly worked at the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office as a Custody Deputy from July of 2001 to March of 2012, when he voluntarily resigned. In September of 2012 he was arrested by the Oxnard Police Department and booked at the Ventura County Jail. In May of 2014, he was convicted of felony domestic violence and sentenced to jail.

The Sheriff's Office continues to investigate the motive and circumstances leading up to this horrific act of violence and we send our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the victims who were so senselessly killed.



Additional Details Released on Triple Homicide and Death of Suspect

Santa Barbara – The Sheriff’s Office continues to actively investigate a triple homicide that occurred last night, December 28, 2018, at a residence in the 5900 block of Oakhill Road in Orcutt.

The identities of the victims and the suspect are being withheld until all of the next of kin notifications are complete. Preliminary indications are that the victims all lived at the residence and were brutally stabbed and beaten to death by the suspect, who also lived at the residence. A motive for this deadly rampage is unknown at this time and is under investigation.

In addition to the investigation into the murders, the Sheriff’s Office is also conducting an officer involved shooting investigation. Deputies with the Sheriff’s Special Enforcement Team used less lethal munitions (40mm impact weapon and shotgun beanbag rounds) in an attempt to subdue the armed suspect. However, the suspect continued to pose an immediate threat, at which point the deputies shot him. Despite life-saving efforts by paramedics, the suspect succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at a local hospital.

Sheriff’s Detectives and Forensics personnel have been working around the clock to process the crime scene and gather evidence. We will provide additional details once next of kin notifications have been finalized, as the investigation unfolds and as facts are confirmed.

Triple Homicide Suspect Fatally Wounded by Sheriff’s Deputies

Orcutt – At approximately 8:05 p.m. last night, December 28, 2018, the Santa Barbara County Public Safety Dispatch Center received a call from a person who had entered her home in the 5900 block of

Oakhill Rd. and found a bloody scene inside. She discovered a victim covered in blood in a bathtub, fled the residence and called for help. When responding deputies arrived at the Oakhill Estates residence they determined that a suspect was inside. Deputies entered the home, contacted the suspect and determined that he was armed with a rifle. An emergency notification was sent to residents in Oakhill Estates advising them to shelter in place. The Sheriff's Special Enforcement Team (SET) and Sheriff's Hostage Negotiation Team were called to the scene.

Further information was obtained from the suspect that there were additional people inside the house. In an effort to rescue any potential victims, Sheriff's SET deputies made further entry into the house. They made contact with the armed suspect, a confrontation ensued during which the suspect was initially shot with less lethal munitions, followed by the use of deadly force. The suspect was transported to a hospital by ambulance and was subsequently pronounced dead.

When deputies searched the residence, they found a total of three deceased persons inside believed to be homicide victims. The names of these victims and the suspect are being withheld until all are positively identified and next of kin has been notified.

This tragic incident remains under active investigation. Accordingly, no additional information will be released until further notice.