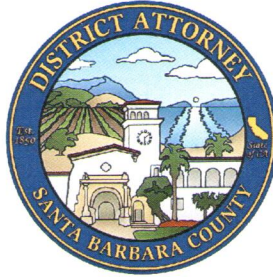


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RE: *People v. Carlos Medina, Jonathan Andrade and Roman Romero*

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced that three defendants appeared at a sentencing hearing today as a result of pleading guilty on January 16, 2015 to voluntary manslaughter. Jonathan Andrade, age 21, was sentenced to six years in state prison. Roman Romero, age 19, was sentenced to three years in state prison. Carlos Medina, age 45, will be sentenced to six years in state prison on April 28, 2015.

The charges stem from an assault by all three defendants on Richard Boden, Jr. in the early morning hours of September 16, 2013. Statements made by witnesses indicated that the three defendants were drinking alcohol with Boden and several others in Granny's Field behind the Turnpike Shopping Center in Goleta. All parties involved were intoxicated. The motive for the attack is unclear. Others present in Granny's Field carried Boden to the street behind Vons, and called 911. Paramedics transported Boden to the hospital, where he was placed on life support and remained unresponsive for over a month. Boden was later removed from life support, and on October 14, 2013 Boden died from complications related to his injuries sustained during the assault.

All three defendants were initially charged with the second degree murder of Richard Boden, Jr. Due to the state of the admissible evidence that would be available at trial, the parties reached a plea bargain wherein the defendants acknowledged their roles in the death of Mr. Boden and pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter.

The District Attorney's Office would like to commend the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office for their thorough investigation of this incident and to thank the family of Richard Boden Jr. for their patience and endurance throughout this extraordinarily painful process.

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