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**STEVEN CARRILLO TO FACE NUMEROUS FELONY CHARGES FOR ROLE IN BEN LOMOND  
CRIME SPREE**

On June 6, 2020, deputies received a call regarding a white van parked off of Empire Grade road which contained concerning materials including firearms parts and materials to make explosives. Vehicle information from that van led additional deputies to the location of 120 Waldeburg Road. Deputies responded to 120 Waldeburg and while at that location, the defendant, arrived in a different white van. The original deputy on scene waited for back up and two additional deputies arrived included Sgt. Damon Gutzwiller. Before any contact was made with the defendant, he opened fire on the three deputies, hitting and ultimately killing Sgt. Gutzwiller. Defendant continued to fire on the deputies and attack them with an explosive device. He fired from a position of advantage and took the deputies by surprise. When other officers from the California Highway Patrol arrived on scene, the defendant likewise opened fire on them. The officers returned fire on the defendant and struck him.

The defendant was charged with 19 separate counts in the complaint. He was charged with the murder of Damon Gutzwiller. Additional special allegations were also alleged. These included special allegations relating to the killing of an officer in the performance of his duties and killing while lying in wait. Lying in wait refers to the defendant carrying out the killing from a position of advantage or surprise. These allegations carry a potential sentence of the death penalty OR life in prison without the possibility of parole. The District Attorney's Office not yet decided which penalty will be sought. An extensive review of all of the evidence, any other criminal activity of the defendant, and the defendant's background will be considered before any decision regarding punishment will be made.

The defendant was also charged with the premeditated attempted murder of 4 other officers, to include two sheriff's deputies and two highway patrol officers. The additional charges filed against the defendant address the defendant's assault on a firefighter, armed carjacking, two attempted armed carjackings, and the premeditated attempted murder of a good Samaritan with both a firearm and an explosive device. The defendant was further charged with various offenses related to the possession of materials to make explosives and possession of explosives with malicious intent.

The defendant was set to be arraigned today on June 12. His arraignment at which he will be required to enter a plea to the charges, was continued to July 17 at 1:30 in Department 3. He will remain in custody with no bail.