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CASE AGAINST ANDRES CRUZ GARCIA AND FRANCISCO SANCHEZ-MERINO WILL PROCEED TO TRIAL

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that the case against Andres Cruz Garcia, age 54, a resident of Greenfield and against Francisco Sanchez-Merino, age 59, also a resident of Greenfield, will proceed to trial.

After a preliminary hearing that spanned the course of 3 days, the Honorable Julie R. Culver found sufficient cause to believe that Garcia and Sanchez-Merino were guilty of conspiring to extort a person known as "Victim 7" on 3 separate occasions in early 2015.

Having been bound over for trial by the court, Garcia and Sanchez Merino will next be arraigned on a felony information in Department 5 on February 16, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Garcia and Sanchez-Merino remain in custody on their case with bail set at \$2,000,000 each.