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SOLEDAD BROTHERS TO STAND TRIAL ON CHARGES RELATED TO GREENFIELD HOMICIDE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Ernesto Hernandez, age 28, has been ordered to stand trial for the March 29, 2016 murder of Abigail Chavez. His brother, Abel Hernandez, age 32, was ordered to stand trial on charges of being an accessory after the fact.

Following a preliminary hearing, Monterey Superior Court Judge Julie R. Culver found sufficient evidence to hold Ernesto Hernandez to answer for charges of first degree murder, first degree residential burglary, and assault with a deadly weapon. Judge Culver found sufficient evidence to hold Abel Hernandez to answer for a single charge of being an accessory after the fact to the homicide.

On March 29, 2016, Abigail Chavez was shot multiple times in the head at her residence in Greenfield. In April, authorities apprehended Ernesto Hernandez in Mexico and he was returned to Monterey County where he was arrested and charged with the murder. Abel Hernandez was arrested in May after further investigation revealed he had assisted in Ernesto's escape.

Ernesto and Abel Hernandez will return to court on October 7, 2016 for arraignment on the information.