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BRITTANY NAVARA SCHEDULED FOR TRANSFER HEARING

MADERA, CA – Brittany Navarra, was 16 in 2008 when she and Dustin Gran murdered Krista Pike. She is scheduled to appear in Madera Superior Court, Juvenile Division, for a transfer hearing setting on April 9th.

The need for this type of hearing was prompted by ballot Proposition 57, which mandates that all juvenile offenders have their case initially filed in juvenile court. This changed the law which had previously given prosecutors discretion in particularly serious cases to file directly in adult court.

Navarra and Gran were convicted in a 2014 jury trial of first degree murder, first degree burglary, conspiracy to commit murder and a further charge of lying-in-wait for the victim. Dustin Gran, then 18, was motivated by Navarra to bludgeon and stab Pike because Navarra perceived Pike as a romantic rival.

Both Navarra and Gran received sentences of life without the possibility of parole. Navarra, now 28, has already spent approximately 11 years in custody, most inside state prisons.

The Fifth District Appellate Court ruled in the fall of 2018 that Navarra had a right to a transfer hearing because of Prop 57.

There are two outcomes of this transfer hearing. Either Navarra will be found unfit for juvenile court and transferred to adult court, or she will be found fit for juvenile court and dealt with according to juvenile law.

The sentencing judge gave a full record of the various reasons why Navarra should be sentenced to life without the possibility of parole and many of these same reasons will be applicable when the transfer hearing takes place.