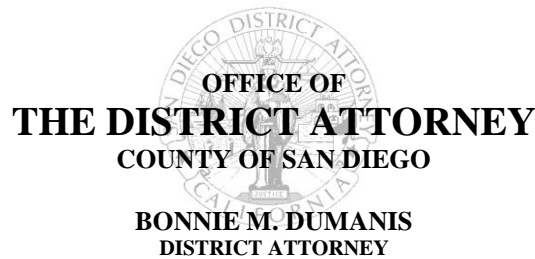


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## **District Attorney Files Murder Charges in Shooting Death of SDPD Officer Chris Wilson**

San Diego County District Attorney [Bonnie M. Dumanis](#) announced today that murder charges have been filed against three defendants in connection with a shootout that killed veteran San Diego Police Officer Chris Wilson. Wilson, a 17-year veteran, was shot and killed during a shootout inside an apartment in the Paradise Hills area of southeast San Diego last year.

“Officer Wilson’s death shook the community and reminded us all about the daily dangers faced by law enforcement in San Diego,” said DA Dumanis. “The criminal charges filed today are the first step in holding the defendants accountable for their conduct that evening.”

San Diego Police Officers were assisting the U.S. Marshal's Service and San Diego County Probation Officers in a compliance check when the shooting occurred at about 11:00 p.m. on October 27, 2010.

Three defendants, Alex Charfauros, 26, Melissa Ortiz, 21, and Patrick Luangrath, 19, have been charged with a total of 13 felony crimes including murder, attempted murder, conspiracy to obstruct justice, and other drug and gun-related charges. The defendants will all be arraigned today at 1:30 p.m. in San Diego Superior Court downtown. If convicted of the charges, each faces up to 25 years-to-life in state prison.

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