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CRIME

## Citizen reports tangle Haro case

Missing baby misinformation frustrates authorities, but some scoops are useful

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Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco isn't a fan of so-called keyboard warriors — at least when it comes to the case against the parents of Cabazon infant Emmanuel Haro.

Those self-styled reporters

were spreading false information, he says.

The sheriff, at times critical of the mainstream press, paused during a recent news conference to castigate the online sleuths and citizen journalists.

"I just want to thank all of you, especially the normal, mainstream media for your atten-

tion to this," Bianco said. "Not so much for social media and for keyboard warriors who, quite honestly, sometimes hamper and prevent us from a good investigation."

The case of missing 7-month-old Emmanuel drew national attention after his mother, Rebecca Haro, claimed the boy was kidnapped in a violent assault. But law enforcement

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Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin, at lectern, speaks to the media about the suspected murder of 7-month-old Emmanuel Haro in Riverside on Aug. 27.  
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CALIFORNIA

## Buzz over Padilla governor bid grows



Sen. Alex Padilla, D-Calif., hasn't ruled out a 2026 run for California governor. Padilla's spokesperson said his focus remains on California's upcoming special election on redistricting. Above, Padilla questions Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson during her Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearing on March 22, 2022. **ALEX BRANDON — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Senator hasn't ruled out campaign; Dems are speculating over his possible 2026 run

By Kaitlyn Schallhorn  
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For now, the rumors about a potential Sen. Alex Padilla for California governor run are just that, rumors.

But they've certainly got Democratic operatives and consultants talking, even as Padilla and his camp remain loudly mum on the possibility.

The focus for California's senior senator, said Padilla spokesperson Edgar Rodriguez when asked about the gubernatorial rumors on Wednesday, remains on California's upcoming special election on redistricting. That's been the party line

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Rick Caruso, shown in 2024, said Wednesday he is considering running for mayor of Los Angeles or governor of California.

**HANS GUTKNECHT**  
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## Caruso 'seriously' looking at running for L.A. mayor or governor next year

Bloomberg

Billionaire developer Rick Caruso said he is "seriously looking" at running for either California governor or mayor of Los Angeles next year.

"I'm looking at both paths; there are

good opportunities in both paths," he said in an interview to Bloomberg Television on Wednesday. "I have a team of people working on it and will make a decision soon."

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COURTS

## Woman guilty in Perry's death

Jasveen Sangha, known as the 'Ketamine Queen,' supplied drug used in actor's overdose

By Fred Shuster  
CITY NEWS SERVICE

Jasveen Sangha — the so-called "Ketamine Queen" — pleaded guilty Wednesday in Los Angeles federal court to illegally selling the ketamine that killed "Friends" actor Matthew Perry in October 2023.

The North Hollywood woman pleaded guilty to one count of maintaining a drug-involved premises, three counts of distribution of ketamine and one count of distribution of ketamine resulting in death or serious bodily injury.

The 42-year-old Sangha faces up to 65 years in federal prison when she is sentenced Dec. 10.

Sangha — whose customers referred to her as the "Ketamine Queen," prosecutors say — will be the last of five defendants, including two physicians, to plead

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HUNTINGTON BEACH

## Council OKs deal to subsidize air show for up to 25 years

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Huntington Beach's City Council has signed onto a long-term agreement with the operators of the Pacific Airshow, promising to subsidize the event in the expectation that it will generate more revenue for the city than the city will give.

Code Four, the air show's operators, and the city reached a settlement agreement in 2023 that paid the Pacific Airshow \$4.9 million for losses from the cancellation of the event's last day because of the 2021 oil spill and spelled out starting terms for negotiating a long-term deal.

Now that the deal has been hashed out, city staff-

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