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Fourth Cal Poly student pleads not guilty in hazing death

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The fourth of the Cal Poly students accused in the alleged fraternity hazing death of Carson Starkey has pleaded not guilty, according to his attorney, Jeff Stein.

Adam Edward Marszal, 21, of Carmichael is being charged with misdemeanor hazing causing death and furnishing alcohol to a minor causing death.

Marszal currently is released on \$10,000 bail.

San Luis Obispo Police Department officials said Marszal was one of the students who allegedly bought large quantities of alcohol from two stores in San Luis Obispo for pledges to consume.

Starkey, who spent the night at the home of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon gathering at 551 Highland Drive, died the morning of Dec. 2 from alcohol poisoning, police said.

Tests showed Starkey's blood/alcohol content ranging from 0.39 percent to .45 percent.

Fellow fraternity members Haithem Ibrahim and Zacary Ellis pleaded not guilty to felony hazing causing death and misdemeanor furnishing alcohol to a minor causing death earlier this month. Russell Taylor pleaded not guilty to alleged misdemeanor crimes on Monday.

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