



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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Lizbeth Romero Charged with Murder for Tuesday Morning's Selma Collision

Lizbeth Resendez Romero (26, of Parlier) has been charged in a felony complaint with crimes including murder, gross vehicular manslaughter while impaired, driving with a blood alcohol content of .08% or higher causing great bodily injury, driving under the influence of alcohol causing great bodily injury, leaving the scene of an accident, driving on a suspended license, driving while on DUI probation with a blood alcohol content above .01%, and unsafe speed. The charges are related to a vehicle collision which occurred on Floral Avenue in the City of Selma in the early morning hours of March 30, 2021.

It is alleged that during that collision, Romero lost control of her vehicle and veered into a car parked on the side of Floral Avenue. A 28-year-old male passenger was injured during the collision and later pronounced deceased. A second female passenger was also injured in the collision.

Following an investigation conducted by the Selma Police Department, it was determined that Romero was under the influence of alcohol.

The complaint alleges that Romero committed the crimes of:

1. Murder [PC 187(a)];
2. Gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated [PC 191.5(a)];
3. Driving with a blood alcohol concentration of .08% or greater causing great bodily injury [VC 23153(b)/PC 12022.7(a)];
4. Driving under the influence of alcohol causing great bodily injury [VC 23153(a)/PC 12022.7(a)], and;
5. Leaving the scene of a fatal accident [VC 20001(b)(2)];
6. Driving with a suspended license [VC 14601.1(a)];
7. Unsafe speed [VC 22350], and;
8. DUI probationer driving with a .01% or higher blood alcohol concentration.

It is further alleged that Romero has suffered a prior conviction for an alcohol-related driving offense in January of 2021.

If convicted of the charges and allegations, Romero faces a sentence of up to 17 years to life in prison.

Romero was arrested on the morning of March 30, 2021 by officers of the Selma Police Department. She remains in custody and her arraignment is scheduled for Friday, April 2, 2021.

The case is currently being prosecuted by the Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driver Vertical Prosecution Program. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The Media may email FCDAMedia@fresnocountyca.gov with questions.

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