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Nathaniel Michael Dixon Charged in the Murder of Selma Police Officer

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed charges against Nathaniel Michael Dixon (23, of Selma) for the murder of Selma Police Officer Gonzalo Carrasco, Jr.

It is alleged that on January 31, 2023, Officer Carrasco was patrolling the 2600 block of Pine Street when he was alerted to a subject on the property of a resident. He pulled over his patrol car and spoke with the subject, identified as Nathaniel Michael Dixon. Dixon proceeded to walk towards the resident's home when Officer Carrasco exited his vehicle to make contact. Dixon turned and fired several shots at Officer Carrasco striking him multiple times. Dixon then ran from the scene. Officer Carrasco succumbed to his injuries after surgery at Community Regional Medical Center.

The Felony Complaint filed in the Superior Court alleges that Nathaniel Michael Dixon committed:

- One (1) Count of FIRST DEGREE MURDER [Penal Code §187(a)].
- One (1) Enhancement of PERSONAL AND INTENTIONAL DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM CAUSING DEATH [Penal Code §12022.53(d)].
- One (1) Special Circumstance of MURDER OF A POLICE OFFICER [Penal Code §190.2(a)(7)].
- One (1) Enhancement of MURDER OF A POLICE OFFICER [Penal Code §190(c)]
- One (1) Count of FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM [Penal Code §29800(a)(1)]

Nathaniel Michael Dixon also has a prior violent felony conviction (strike offense.)

If convicted of all charges and allegations, Nathaniel Michael Dixon faces life without the possibility of parole or the death penalty. The District Attorney's Office is currently conducting the necessary analysis on whether to seek the death penalty and will make an announcement on that decision at a later date.

Defendant Dixon was arrested on January 31, 2023, in Selma, CA, and thereafter booked into the Fresno County Jail. The arraignment for the defendant is scheduled for February 3, 2023, at 8:30 AM in Department 31 of the Fresno County Superior Court.

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