

COUNTY OF FRESNO

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NEWS RELEASE

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MULTIPLE MURDER AND ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGES FILED AGAINST GARY PERRY FOR WOODWARD LAKE KILLINGS

Gary Perry (21, of Fresno) has been charged in a Felony Complaint for the shooting deaths of two individuals last week in the Woodward Lake Community in Northeast Fresno, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office has announced.

Gary Perry is alleged to have shot and killed Brennen Fairhead and Scott Gaffney on the evening of December 14, 2017.

The Complaint alleges violations of:

- 1.) Murder of Brennen Fairhead [P.C. § 187(a)], along with the special circumstances that the murder was committed for financial gain and that the defendant committed multiple murders, as well as an allegation that the defendant used a firearm that caused death in the commission of this murder;
- 2.) Murder of Scott Gaffney [P.C. § 187(a)], along with the special circumstances that the murder was committed for financial gain and that the defendant committed multiple murders, as well as an allegation that the defendant used a firearm that caused death in the commission of this murder;
- 3.) Willful Deliberate and Premeditated Attempted Murder of Michael Rackney [P.C. § 664/187(a)], along with an allegation that the defendant used a firearm in the commission of this attempted murder; and
- 4.) Attempted First Degree Burglary [P.C. § 664/459/460(a)].

If convicted of the charges, Mr. Perry faces a sentence of either Death or Life in Prison. The District Attorney's Office is currently conducting a necessary investigation, and will make a determination and announcement regarding the death penalty at a later date.

Mr. Perry remains in custody at the Fresno County Jail. He is scheduled to be arraigned in Department 33 of the Fresno County Superior Court on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.

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