



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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MULTIPLE MURDER AND ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGES FILED AGAINST CHRISTOPHER SANDERS FOR LAST WEEK'S SHOOTING OF THREE INDIVIDUALS IN NORTHWEST FRESNO

Christopher Lerone Sanders (18, of Fresno) has been charged in a Felony Complaint with charges related to last Monday's shooting deaths of Peniamina Romero and Jesse Villanueva near Shaw and Marks Avenues in the City of Fresno, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office has announced.

The Complaint alleges that the defendant committed the crimes of:

- 1.) Murder with the Personal and Intentional Discharge of a Firearm Causing Death [P.C. § 187(a) & 12022.53(d)];
- 2.) Murder with the Personal and Intentional Discharge of a Firearm Causing Death [P.C. § 187(a) & 12022.53(d)];
- 3.) Attempted Murder with the Personal and Intentional Discharge of a Firearm Causing Great Bodily Injury [P.C. § 664/187(a) & 12022.53(d)].

The murder charges also include the special circumstance pursuant to Penal Code section 190.2 that the defendant committed multiple murders [P.C. § 190.2(a)(3)].

If convicted of the charges, Mr. Sanders 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. Sanders is currently in custody at the Fresno County Jail. He is expected to be in Department 33 of the Fresno County Superior Court for his Arraignment on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.

The Media may email FCDAMedia@fresnocountyca.gov or contact Administrative Assistant Leslie Gillespie at (559) 600-4442 with questions.

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