COUNTY OF FRESNO



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## NEWS RELEASE

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## MULTIPLE MURDER AND ARSON CHARGES FILED AGAINST ALAN DUPRAS FOR THE DECEMBER KILLINGS OF HIS ESTRANGED WIFE AND MOTHER-IN-LAW

Alan Carter Dupras (58, of Kingsburg) has been charged in a Felony Complaint with multiple charges related to crimes committed in November and December 2017, culminating with the shooting deaths of his estranged wife and her mother in their Fresno home, 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 the Death of Jennifer Dupras [P.C. § 187(a) & 12022.53(d)];
- 2.) Murder with the Personal and Intentional Discharge of a Firearm Causing the Death of Cynthia Houk [P.C. § 187(a) & 12022.53(d)];
- 3.) Arson of a Structure at the Alliance Francaise De Fresno [P.C. § 451(c)];
- 4.) Arson of a Vehicle belonging to Cynthia Houk [P.C. § 451(d)];
- 5.) Possession of an Assault Weapon [P.C. § 30605(a)]; and
- 6.) Vandalism of Property at the Alliance Francaise De Fresno [P.C. § 594(a)(2)].

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. Dupras faces a potential sentence of either Death or Life in Prison without the Possibility of Parole. 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. Dupras was arrested on September 25, 2018, and is currently in custody at the Fresno County Jail. He is expected to be in Department 31 of the Fresno County Superior Court for his Arraignment on Thursday, September 27, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.

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