COUNTY OF FRESNO



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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A DRUG CHARGE FILED AGAINST GREYHOUND BUS DRIVER ASHTON CASTILLO FOR SUNDAY MORNING COLLISION

Ashton Rennick Castillo (28, of Los Angeles) has been charged today in a Felony Complaint with driving under the influence of a drug causing injury. The charge is related to his Sunday morning arrest after driving a Greyhound bus up an embankment on State Route 99, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office has announced.

The Complaint, filed in the Fresno County Superior Court today, alleges the crimes of:

- 1.) Driving Under the Influence of a Drug Causing Injury [V.C. § 23153(f)-felony]; and
- 2.) Driving When Privilege Suspended or Revoked [V.C. § 14601.1(a)-misdemeanor].

Also charged in the Complaint are three (3) allegations that Mr. Castillo caused injury to more than one victim [V.C. § 23558].

If convicted of the charges and special allegations, the defendant faces a sentence of up to six (6) years in custody. Mr. Castillo was arrested on Sunday morning and remains in custody at the Fresno County Jail. He is scheduled to appear for his Arraignment on Wednesday, March 27, at 8:30 a.m., in Department 96 of the Fresno County Superior Court.

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