



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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NEWS RELEASE

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JULIAN MCELHANEY CHARGED IN THE DOUBLE MURDER OF HIS FATHER AND MOTHER

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed charges against Julian Charles McElhaney (22, of Fresno) for the murder of his parents, his 55-year-old father, William McElhaney, and his 64-year-old mother, Sylvia McElhaney.

It is alleged that on or about April 10, 2022, McElhaney shot and killed both of his parents at their home in Northeast Fresno.

The Felony Complaint filed in the Superior Court alleges that Julian McElhaney committed:

- Two (2) Counts of MURDER [Penal Code §187(a)]
- Two (2) Enhancements of PERSONAL USE OF A FIREARM CAUSING DEATH [Penal Code §12022.53(d)]
- The Special Circumstance of MULTIPLE MURDERS [Penal Code §190.2]

If convicted of all charges and allegations, McElhaney faces a potential death sentence or life in prison without the possibility of parole. 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 Julian McElhaney was arrested on April 10, 2022, and thereafter booked into the Fresno County Jail. McElhaney's arraignment is scheduled for April 13, 2022, at 8:30 AM in Department 30 of the Fresno County Superior Court.

Media may email FCDAMedia@fresnocountyca.gov with any questions.

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