



# COUNTY OF FRESNO

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **District Attorney Files Additional Murder Charges Against Andrew Hammond**

Today, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed additional charges against Andrew Levi Hammond (27, of Coarsegold) for the October 21, 2022, murder of Steven Rice (47, of Fresno) and for the September 28, 2020, murder of Fernando Gonzales (41, of Fresno).

It is alleged in the First Amended Felony Complaint filed in case number F2290868 that in addition to murdering Brandon Munoz (39, of Fresno) on November 2, 2022, that Hammond also murdered Steven Rice on October 21, 2022.

Additionally, in Fresno County Superior Court case number F23900064 Hammond has been charged with the September 28, 2020, murder of Fernando Gonzales. This case was refiled after further investigation was conducted by the Fresno Police Department.

Case F22908068 alleges that Andrew Hammond committed:

- Two (2) Counts of MURDER [Penal Code §187(a)]
- Two (2) Enhancements of PERSONAL AND INTENTIONAL DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM, GBI [Penal Code §12022.53(d)]
- Two (2) Enhancements of Special Circumstance of MULTIPLE MURDER [Penal Code §190.2(a)(3)].

Case F23900064 alleges that Andrew Hammond committed:

- One (1) Count of MURDER [Penal Code §187(a)]
- One (1) Enhancement of PERSONAL AND INTENTIONAL DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM, GBI [Penal Code §12022.53(d)]

If convicted of all charges and allegations, Hammond faces life without the possibility of parole or the death penalty. 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.

Hammond is currently in custody on the murder charges originally filed on November 8, 2022, in Fresno County Superior Court case number F22908068. The arraignment on the additional charges is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 11 of the Fresno County Superior Court.

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