



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY FILES MURDER CHARGE AGAINST RAHZAK JAMES FOR STABBING DEATH

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed a murder charge against Rahzak Rameel James (40, of Fresno), for Monday's stabbing death of Joseph Haynie

The felony complaint charges Mr. James with one count of Murder [Penal Code section 187(a)]. It is also alleged that Mr. James was previously convicted of a "Strike" offense for Assault with a Deadly Weapon in 2012, and that Mr. James was sentenced to prison in 2012 for that Assault with a Deadly Weapon conviction, along with convictions for Domestic Violence and Stalking.

Mr. James is currently in custody at the Fresno County Jail. He is scheduled for Arraignment in Department 34 of the Fresno County Superior Court on Monday, September 26, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. James faces a potential sentence of life in prison if convicted of the charges.

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