



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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NEWS RELEASE

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CHARGES FILED AGAINST JOHN MAJOR FOR COURTHOUSE PARK SHOOTING

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed a Felony Criminal Complaint against John Schirra Major (24, of Fresno) for the shooting on Monday in Fresno's Courthouse Park that injured two.

The Complaint charges Mr. Major with six (6) felony charges, including:

- 1.) Two (2) counts of Attempted Willful Deliberate Attempted Murder [Penal Code § 664/187(a)];
- 2.) Three (3) counts of Assault With a Firearm [Penal Code § 245(a)(2)]; and
- 3.) One (1) count of Possession of a Firearm by a Felon [Penal Code § 29800(a)(1)].

It is also alleged that Mr. Major used a firearm in the commission of the offenses that caused great bodily injury to a victim, and that the crimes were committed for the benefit of a street gang.

If convicted of the charges, Mr. Major faces a sentence of life in custody at State Prison.

The defendant was arrested immediately after the shooting and is currently in custody at the Fresno County Jail.

The defendant is scheduled for arraignment in Department 30 of the Fresno County Superior Court on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.

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