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COUNTY OF FRESNO

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY FILES MURDER CHARGE AGAINST KORI MUHAMMAD FOR LAST WEEKS KILLING OF SECURITY GUARD CARL WILLIAMS

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed a Criminal Complaint against Kori Ali Muhammad (39, of Fresno) for the murder of security guard Carl Williams on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at a Fresno Motel 6.

On that evening, Mr. Muhammad is alleged to have shot and killed unarmed security guard Carl Williams, and attempted to shoot a second security guard, in the parking lot of a Motel 6 on Blackstone Avenue in the City of Fresno.

Mr. Muhammad was arrested on Tuesday, April 18th, after a series of shootings that killed three (3) individuals near downtown Fresno. These killings remain under investigation by the Fresno Police Department, and that investigation has not been submitted to the District Attorney's Office for review. Once the investigation into these incidents is complete and the case is submitted, the District Attorney's Office will review that investigation to determine what charges are warranted.

The Complaint charges Mr. Muhammad with two (2) felony counts, including:

- 1.) Murder of Carl Williams [Penal Code § 187(a)]; and
- 2.) Attempted Murder of Oscar Menjivar [Penal Code § 664/187(a)].

The complaint also contains an allegation that the defendant personally used a firearm in the commission of those crimes.

If convicted of the charges, Mr. Muhammad faces a potential sentence of Life in Prison.

The defendant was arrested on Tuesday and remains in custody at the Fresno County Jail. He is scheduled for arraignment in Department 30 of the Fresno County Superior Court on Friday, April 21, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.

The Media may email FCDAMedia@co.fresno.ca.us or contact Administrative Assistant Leslie Gillespie at (559) 600-4442 with questions.

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